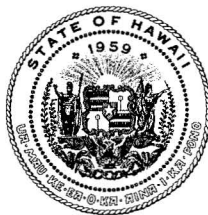


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
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**on House Bill 2486 – Relating To Historic Preservation**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**February 6, 2008**

House Bill 2486 proposes to create photographic standards for the documentation of historic buildings that are to be altered, demolished or impacted upon by a proposed project. While the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of the bill, as it is consistent with the goals and objectives of our program, the Department is nonetheless concerned with the undo economic hardship that may be placed upon the individual owner.

The bill would require the State, County or private property owners to submit archival quality photographs to the Department's State Historic Preservation Division prior to issuance of a permit or the commencement of an undertaking that will alter, construct or demolish a building over 50 years in age. The intent of this bill would be to produce a lasting record of many of Hawaii's historic buildings. However, this record would be incomplete without any supportive information such as a survey form. Additionally, this bill would place an unnecessary burden on the applicant since archival photographs are very costly. If the applicant is unable to afford the necessary documentation, they may be less likely to seek out permits for alteration, construction and demolition of historic buildings.

# HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

**VIA EMAIL:** WLHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

**To:** Representation Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

**From:** Kiersten Faulkner  
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

**Committee Date:** Wednesday, February 6, 2008  
8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 312

**Subject:** **Support of HB2486 Relating to Historic Preservation**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support of HB2486. Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF works to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life and economic viability of the state.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports HB2486, which would require photo documentation of historic buildings prior to demolition or alteration.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation recognizes that not all historic buildings have the level of significance or integrity that would necessitate complete preservation or restoration. At times, demolition or substantial alteration may be unavoidable. In these cases, it is important to have archival-quality documentation for future study, understanding of the context of the site, historic analysis or architectural record. Best practices in preservation have established the technical specifications that should be used for the photo-documentation and many such photographs are housed with the State Historic Preservation Division.

Very truly yours,



Kiersten Faulkner

