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March 26, 2008

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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
For Hearing on Thursday, March 27, 2008
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 211

BY

MARIE C. LADERTA, DIRECTOR

House Bill No. 2500, H.D. 1
Relating To The State Budget

TO CHAIRPERSON ROSALYN H. BAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of House Bill No. 2500, H.D. 1 is to appropriate supplemental funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) does not support House Bill No. 2500, H.D. 1 as it relates to the 4% (\$305,277) reduction made to our supporting services program, HRD 191.

Over the years, reductions have been imposed on DHRD's base budget. Between 1995 and 2006, our staffing was reduced from 177 to 112 positions – a 37% reduction. From 1999 to 2006, about \$1.7 million (22%) has been cut from our program and administrative base (\$7.6 million). We have made sincere efforts to function with less resources. However, the Department cannot sustain additional reductions to the

program and administrative budget without adversely affecting our ability to meet operating requirements and ensure that the State will have a qualified and productive workforce to deliver essential services to the public.

The Department has no supplemental budget request for additional resources to provide as an alternative trade-off reduction. Therefore, we respectfully request the Committee's consideration to apply the 4% (\$305,277) reduction to funding for worker's compensation claims in HRD 102. Based on a review of expenditures, we feel that we will be able to operate within the reduced funding level for workers' compensation claims.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony on this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie C. Laderta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARIE C. LADERTA
Director

testimony

From: Greg Kimo Schlais [gregkimo@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:01 PM

To: testimony

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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

My name is GREG SCHLAIS and I am testifying in strong support of amending HB2500 to include \$7.2M for the University of Hawaii at Manoa Law School Design Funds. This amendment is critical at this time and needs your support.

As Hawaii's Law School, the William S. Richardson School of Law continues to garner national and international accreditation in many fields of law and public assistance. Because of its remarkable growth, the existing facilities are simply unable to keep up with our elevating standards of academic achievement and community service. Utilizing \$500,000 allocated by the Legislature in 2006, the Law School has developed conceptual plans for renovating its two buildings in a way that will serve as a model for high performance green buildings in Hawaii.

The renovated buildings will be designed for LEED Gold certification, at minimum. To better serve our local communities, a part-time law program has been authorized to begin next year, expanding opportunities and legal services to all the people of Hawaii. The Law School also serves as a hub to connect the United States, the South Pacific, Southeast Asia, Asia, and beyond. We play an indispensable role already, but we could do so much more with an expanded, professional, and smart-technology facility.

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Further, the Law School, similar to the Medical School, is a vital part of the fabric of our island community. Although it is sometimes obvious that doctors are important to our community, attorneys are just as important. Attorneys, especially those focused on serving the underprivileged, are essential to giving the marginalized access to vital services and resources. The expansion of the law school plays a large part in preparing young attorneys to serve and better our islands. I love our State and firmly believe the law school plays a vital part to our State's future.

Now is the time to build for the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
GREG SCHLAIS
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From: Dustin Monroy [dmonroy@hawaii.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:30 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Committee on: Ways and Means, ATTN: Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Tsutsui

Regarding: Testimony in Support of Amending HB2500 to Add Law School Design Funds

March 27, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Dustin Monroy

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Attn: Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Tsutsui

Testimony in Support of Amending HB2500 to Add Law School Design Funds

March 27, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members,
I am a long-time Kaneohe resident and third-year law student at the William S. Richardson School of Law. I strongly support an amendment to HB2500 that would include the requested design funds for the School of Law Building Project. Our law school plays a vital role in providing access to social justice in the Pacific Region. It is a place of inspiration and ingenuity for addressing social and environmental challenges shared by the citizens of our state, as well as the citizens of our nation and the entire planet. This building project will allow our campus to reflect, on the outside, the hope and potential for greatness that is fostered within the law school every day.
Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Subject: Testimony for HB2500 WAM Hearing March 27 at 9:30AM.

To: Senate Ways and Means Committee

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

I am a professor, emeritus, and former dean of the Williams S. Richardson School of Law. I was a member of the original faculty of the School when it began about 35 years ago. Currently, I am serving as director of the School's summer externship program, where students receive credit for learning the law under the tutelage of local lawyers and judges.

I am strongly in support of an amendment to HB2500 that would include the design funds for the School of Law. I am aware of and have been affected by the Law School's acute shortage of adequate space. Further, there is a great need to modernize the facility in order to take advantage of important opportunities "to obtain firm commitments from promising prospects of private, federal, foundation, and other funds – all of which will leverage any future state funds and contributed to maintaining the School of Law as a first-class state school," as Dean Soifer and Professor Antolini have stated.

Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Respectfully yours,



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Attn: Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Tsutsui

Testimony in Support of Amending HB2500 to Add Law School Design Funds

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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Derek H. Kauanoe. Through this writing I testify in strong support for amending HB2500 to include \$7.2 million for the University of Hawaii at Manoa Law School Design Funds. The amendment to HB2500 is important now and I hope we can get your support for it.

I am in my last year of law school here in Hawaii and will graduate this May. I have been blessed with the opportunity of competing on one of our law school's moot court teams for a total of three years and serving as the team captain for the past two years. In addition to being a part of a winning tradition, by being on the moot court team I have been able to visit a number of other law schools in the continental United States, such as: the University of Washington, the University of New Mexico, the William Mitchell College of Law, Hamline University, the University of Minnesota, the University of St. Thomas and most recently, Arizona State University. As a moot court competitor I have both seen and experienced the superior design and facilities at these other law schools and I understand the positive impact upgraded facilities have on those students in other states at other schools.

It is important for us all to realize the importance of providing a quality education and learning place for the study of law in Hawaii. Lawyers play a vital role in shaping society in and out of the court room. In addition to being court room litigators, lawyers assist clients with: divorces, child-welfare issues, estate planning, protecting rights, enforcing the protection of rights, commercial transactions, protecting the environment, and a wide range of other types of services, including serving society as political and elected leaders on the federal, state and local levels. Because the William S. Richardson School of Law is the only law school in Hawaii, it is of the utmost importance to provide it with the necessary support in producing tomorrow's leaders.

The William S. Richardson School of Law provides Hawaii residents with the only opportunity, in-state, to obtain a law degree. By providing Hawaii residents with this educational opportunity, our only law school helps to provide residents of different backgrounds and from under represented communities the ability to sufficiently represent and advocate for their community's needs.

Without adequately supporting our State's only law school, the William S. Richardson School of Law, we run the risk of not cultivating competent local leaders who can compete with law school graduates from other states. While I have every confidence that our law school faculty and administration will do everything they can to produce great leaders and lawyers our students still have to compete with non-local law school graduates from other states who come to Hawaii and take the bar examination with the intent of starting their legal careers here. Your support for amending HB2500 to include \$7.2 million for the University of Hawaii at Manoa Law School Design Funds is an important first step in the movement toward ensuring the continued competitive legal education of Hawaii's law students and future leaders.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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HB 2500, HD1

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From: Mary Philpotts, Chair
Washington Place Foundation

Date: March 27, 2008

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Dear Senators Baker and Tsutsui,


Washington Place Foundation supports HB 2500, HD1 because it includes the 2008 Executive CIP Budget Request for Renovations to Washington Place.

Recently, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior designated Washington Place a **National Historic Landmark**, the highest recognition accorded by the nation to an historic property. This is because of its close association with the life of Queen Lili'uokalani. As such, Washington Place exemplifies Hawaii's unique history and heritage.

The \$4.9 million we are requesting is critical for capital improvements, restoration, and development of galleries at Washington Place. In particular, we need to address existing health and safety issues.

In 1921, the State assumed responsibility for Washington Place via the Territory's purchase of the property from Queen Lili'uokalani's Trust. As a result the Washington Place Foundation's mission is to preserve and restore Washington Place so as to continue to educate our people about the legacy of Hawaii's last Queen.

We cannot fulfill this mission without sufficient funding and we humbly request your support of HB 2500, HD1.

Aloha pumehana,

Mary Philpotts-McGrath
President

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
H.B. 2500 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
MARCH 27, 2008

By Michael A. Dahilig
Member, University of Hawai'i Board of Regents and
William S. Richardson School of Law Class of 2006

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui and Honorable Members of the Committee,

As an individual, I stand in support of a capital improvements line item to fund design for the William S. Richardson School of Law's proposed remodel and expansion of its facilities at the Mānoa campus.

The item was supported by the Mānoa Chancellor in her budget, the System President in his budget, and ultimately included in the Board of Regents' budget request.

The Law School is one of the few nationally recognized programs at UH Mānoa, and deserves investment in its facilities. It is one of the few academic programs throughout the UH system that can support itself on tuition revenue and private donations.

Due to advancements in legal education, and the broadening job market for Juris Doctors, the Law School needs the appropriate facilities to keep pace with national law school standards and a more diverse curriculum. Expansion would focus on providing space for the many incubator programs and centers at the law school including those in areas of environmental law, Asian and Pacific law, elder law and procurement.

Since the building's original construction in the 1980's, the average law school class has grown by almost 40 students per class, and has subsequently put a strain on the library facilities. Only recently have law students not been guaranteed a carrel in the library – what many consider a necessity in legal education.

Expansion and modernization are sorely needed at the law school, and these funds would be a great next step toward maintaining our reputation as a national leader in legal education.

I humbly ask you include this capital improvement line item in the Senate version of the budget. Mahalo.



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March 26, 2008

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210
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Re: Testimony for HB 2500

Dear Chairperson Baker,

I am writing to alert you to how the reduction in TANF funding incorporated into the Governor's Supplemental Budget Bill (HB2500) could adversely affect two IHS programs that serve families in need.

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IHS is well known for the emergency food and shelter services we provide. Those services are already subsidized by private donations. Cuts to the \$2.6 Million in TANF funds that are currently spent on the State's expanded emergency shelter system could result in even less funding for IHS's shelter services which would probably result in us being required to cut back on family supportive services in the shelter that are designed to promote self-sufficiency. We were recently notified that Homeless Outreach services will no longer be funded by the Adult Mental Health Division. Another cut in funding would present a difficult choice of possibly ceasing service to one of our three populations.

Lesser known is our Housing Placement program that we administer through a TANF grant from the State's Homeless Programs under Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA). \$2.7 Million of TANF funding is allocated to Housing Placement statewide. It meets the needs of a number of families with children at risk for homelessness. This provides a once-in-a-lifetime rental subsidy for families who are in the position of having to move and find a new rental home. This may have been precipitated by eviction by a new landlord seeking to capitalize on a new real estate investment; or a family that may be looking for a less expensive rental due to a change in employment situation. Whatever the reason, they need assistance with a security deposit in order to get into a new rental.

The Rev. Msgr. Terrence Watanabe
Member Emeritus



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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March 27, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: H.B. 2500, H.D. 1 - Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Thursday, March 27, 2008, 9:30 am
Room 211, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services would like to offer the following comments on H.B. 2500, H.D. 1. The reductions in the Federal TANF appropriations will severely affect the Department's ability to provide and maintain services to our clients.

Section 199, proposes to reduce the total Federal TANF fund appropriation to \$111,000,000, a \$27 million decrease from original amount appropriated for FY 08-09 in Section 199 of Act 213, SLH 2007. This decrease will result in cutting and/or reduction of services and programs provided for in Section(s) 204, 204.1 and 205. Please see below for a detailed discussion of impact of these cuts and/or reduction on DHS programs and services.

Section 204. Reduction in Work and Work Support Contract Allocation.

HB 2500, H.D.1, Section 204, proposes to cut the appropriation for work and work support contracts to \$21,000,000 in FY 2009 from \$26,000,000 in FY 2008. The \$5 million reduction will have a negative impact on the Department's efforts to address the self-sufficiency needs of TANF recipients, who must perform at a higher level pursuant to the provisions of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA).

The proposed cut will force the Department to cut and/or restructure many of its existing employment and training contracts. The TANF recipients have a total of five years to make all efforts to gear themselves toward self-sufficiency. The cutting and reduction of services would set them back tremendously in their pursuit to earn a reasonable living and taking care of their families.

This reduction would also negatively affect our POS providers because they would be compelled to lay-off many employees who are relying on the POS contracts to make a living and fulfill the basic needs of their families.

We recommend that the funding for the work and work support contracts be restored at the FY 2008 level to ensure our compliance with the provisions of DRA and meet the self-sufficiency needs of our TANF recipients.

Section 204.1. Reduction in Prevention of Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancies and formation and Maintenance of Two Parent Families.

HB 2500, HD1, Section 204.1, proposes to cut the positive youth development and family strengthening services appropriation to \$2,800,000 for FY 2009 from \$12,200,000 for FY 2008, for the department's efforts to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies (purpose three of TANF) and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two parent households (purpose 4 of TANF). This \$9,400,000 cut will be counter-productive or detrimental to the Department's efforts to prevent poverty and make positive impact on our youth and their families, particularly the low-income and vulnerable.

The TANF guidelines encourage "activities that would be reasonable calculated to accomplish this purpose [of reduction and prevention of out-of wedlock pregnancies] include: abstinence programs, visiting nurse services, and services for youth (such as counseling, teen pregnancy prevention campaigns, and after-school programs that provide supervision when school is not in session). The Department has anchored its positive youth development services and activities under purpose 3 of TANF as recommended in the TANF guidelines.

The spending of TANF funds on positive youth development services and activities, in addition to reducing teen pregnancies, provides multiple other benefits, for example, abatement of ice or drug usage, better grades, improved attendance, life skills and work preparedness.

The Department, notwithstanding decreasing teen pregnancy rates in the state, continued its proactive approach to prevent risky behaviors among youth through implementation of positive youth development programs and activities anchored in purpose 3 of TANF. The programs and services ensure that our children, particularly the low-income and most vulnerable, are provided supervised quality after school activities so that they do not indulge in risky behaviors.

The *Final Report* on the Performance Measurement Development for Hawaii Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Positive youth Development Programs, prepared by The Lewin Group, dated May 31, 2007, confirmed that "teenage sexual activity, pregnancy, births, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use ... can have negative consequences for youth and society.... Teenage parenthood, for example, has implications for educational attainment and subsequent economic wellbeing of the teenage mother, the teenage father, and the children born to teenage parents.... It further concluded that the positive youth development programs can be reasonable calculated to prevent teenage pregnancy and other outcomes that derail a successful transition to adulthood."

The recent evaluation of the Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge (UPLINK) program, a positive youth development program anchored in purpose 3 of TANF, suggests improvement in grades, increase in attendance, and engagement in positive activities.

The recently implemented Five-Year TANF Strategic Plan recommends that the Department invest at a minimum, 25% of its TANF Block Grant on TANF purpose 3, namely prevention and reduction of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and formation and maintenance of two parent families. The Five-Year TANF Strategic Plan was developed and finalized with the input of many stakeholders over a period of 18 months and was made available to the 2008 Legislature via The TANF Expenditure and Strategic Plan Report in accordance with the provisions of Act 302, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2006.

The cuts proposed for TANF purpose 3 funding in Section 204.1 totally disregards the objectives of the Five-Year TANF Strategic Plan that was developed with community stakeholders as directed by Act 302, by reducing funding for TANF purpose 3 from 25% to only 2% in HB 2500, HD1.

Even though Hawaii has met minimum Federal guidelines in reducing teen pregnancy, this is not the time to sit back and rest on our laurels. We should continue our TANF investment in positive youth development programs because research data shows that a very high percentage of teen mothers become dependent on welfare and live their lives in poverty and because these programs produce multiple benefits for children and their families.

Section 205. Reduction in Appropriation for Purchase of Service Contracts for Child Protective Services.

The deletion of Section 205, HB 2500, HD1, eliminates the total \$7,000,000 funding for purchase of service contracts for child protective services for FY 2009. This \$7,000,000 cut will have a profound negative impact on the Department's efforts to effectively address the following:

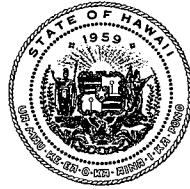
- High Caseloads for CWS staff.
- Historically, during each legislative funding cycle, the agency has been forced to compete for scarce State appropriations, resulting in insufficient CWS staffing and fluctuating levels of service to children and families.
- Lack of a sustainable and comprehensive network of community-based services to provide appropriate alternatives to CWS interventions.
- The current service array and levels of services cannot meet the anticipated increase in need without enhanced capacity building.

For the forgoing reasons, we respectfully urge the Legislature to restore the much needed \$7,000,000 so that we can continue to serve our families in an effective and efficient manner.

While we understand the Legislature does not wish to allow the Department full discretionary spending authority of these federal TANF funds at this time, we simply

request that no cut or reduction be made to our TANF appropriation and restore flexibility so that the purchase of services contract will not have to suffer a cut or reduction in funding, or not receive any funding at all, or fail to get expanded funding needed to meet the critical needs of our needy and vulnerable children and families.

On behalf of our most needy children and families in our State, we thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of maintaining these valuable contracts, services and programs. If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 586-4996.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 27, 2008

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2500, H.D.1

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

We oppose the following budget adjustments in the house draft (1).

- This draft reduces authorized positions within the Department of Transportation by 89.00 (85.6B/3.4N) and related funding by \$3,681,852 (\$3,523,310B/\$158,542N). We consider all of these positions critical to the operations of the Department. We realize some of these positions appear to have been vacant for a considerable amount of time; however, we have been actively filling these vacancies. To date, of the 89 positions identified, we have either filled or have conducted interviews for at least 29 positions. The delays in hiring are attributed to the shortage in the labor force and the lengthy process of re-describing, reorganizing, and recruiting. Many of these positions are vital to the health, safety, and security of the general public. Therefore, we request that the positions identified for abolishment be reinstated.
- This draft does not include a supplemental budget request to add four positions (Airports Administrator-Operations, Airports Administrator-Planning and Strategic Development, 2 Secretaries) and related funding for Airports Administration; 4.00/\$343,920B. The request would help to: 1) Separate day to day operational issues from forward planning initiatives to encourage proactive management; 2) Place stronger focus on future vision and strategy development, business development and marketing initiatives; and 3) Enhance capacity for internal communication and customer/community interaction.
- This draft adds \$1,500,000B of the \$3,000,000B supplemental budget request for information technology improvements to improve data management, billing and financial accounting, cargo tracking, property management and state-wide berth reservations systems. The funding is needed to implement phase I of the Harbor Modernization Plan priority to improve the division's financial management system and provide for other improvements such as berth reservation system, internet access into accounts and billings, new tariff system, etc.

We respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of these budget adjustments.

Faith Action for



Community Equity

March 27, 2008

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
HB 2500 HD1

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DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2008
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 211

Chair Baker and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I am Rev. Bob Nakata, President of FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity). FACE as a faith-based community grassroots organization, believes that all citizens of the State of Hawaii should have access to affordable homes, quality education and quality healthcare. While this bill is to appropriate supplemental funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for the Executive Branch for fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, FACE is here today to primarily address the preservation of existing affordable housing and to ensure that affordable housing projects continue to be built.

The Rev. Robert Nakata
President

The Rev. Sam Domingo
Vice President, Clergy

Mrs. Nancy Young
Vice President, Laity

As you are aware, FACE along with the residents of the Kukui Gardens Rental Housing Complex has worked with the State Administration and this Legislature to preserve, repair and purchase the Kukui Gardens Rental Housing Complex. This budget completes this process by approving \$26,000,000 in G.O. Bonds. FACE request that this committee approve this budget item.

Mr. Godfrey Maeshiro
Treasurer

A few years ago the Rental Housing Trust Fund was our #1 agenda item – and we were pleased that then WAM Chair Brian Taniguchi had the foresight to increase the size of this fund. The fund builds the capacity of our state to build affordable housing. FACE request that the infusion of \$20,000,000 into the Rental Housing Trust Fund and the Dwelling Union Revolving Fund be approved

Ms. Judy Ott
Secretary

Thank you for your continue assistance in improving the living conditions of our homeless and low-income population

Ms. Emily Militoni
Assistant Secretary

The Rev. Alan Mark
Interim Statewide President

Mr. Drew Astolfi
Executive Director



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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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From:

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Re:

DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2008
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
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A G E N D A

HB 2500, HD1
Status

(Email Testimony)

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Amends the General Appropriations Act of 2007 that appropriates general, general obligation bond, federal, revenue bond, special and other funds for departmental operating and capital improvements budgets.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Aquaculture Association (HAA) strongly supports the Aquaculture Development Program (ADP) administered by HDOA (Program ID AGR 153), the Sea Grant Aquaculture Extension Program (SGAEP) administered by UH Manoa, and the Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resource Center (PACRC) administered by UH Hilo, and also supports the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) and Hawaii Small Business Technology Transfer (HSTTR) matching grant programs administered by the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC), a State agency, (Program ID BED 143), all of which are included in HB 2500.

ADP is the lead agency for aquaculture development and health management in the State and has overseen the development and growth of the industry from a few small farms in the 1970s to more than 100 farms at present with combined revenues of greater than \$21M. Great opportunities exist for continued industry growth. Continued and increased support for ADP will greatly facilitate this effort.

SGAEP is a jointly funded State:Federal program supported by ADP and the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Sea Grant Program. This program transfers worldwide aquaculture research and development information and technologies directly to Hawaii's aquaculture farmers enabling them to be more productive and to remain competitive in the face of increasing global competition.

HAA therefore urges increased support of ADP, SGAEP, and PACRC, as detailed in HB 935 hd2 sd1 **Relating to Agriculture; Statewide Technical Extension for Aquaculture & Hawaii Feed Mill** (\$100K to pay for increased costs of statewide technical assistance to the aquaculture industry through the SGAEP, amended during session to include an additional \$1M for the Oceanic Institute to develop locally produced animal agriculture feeds), HB1615 hd1 sd1 **Relating to the Development of a Shellfish Aquaculture Industry** (\$75K to PACRC for feasibility study of developing shellfish industry in Hawaii), and HB1616 hd1 sd1 **Relating to Aquaculture** (\$75k to ADP or PACRC for a primary aquatic quarantine feasibility study and amended during session to include an additional \$168,600 for an opihi restoration program and budget).

HAA strongly supports the above programs because they will encourage and facilitate innovation and the growth of Hawaii's aquaculture industry. These additional funds will encourage Hawaii's aquaculture businesses to develop commercially viable products, technologies and innovations and encourage small companies and researchers at nonprofit research institutions, universities, and colleges to collaborate and to move laboratory-developed aquaculture technologies to the marketplace, thereby enhancing Hawaii's economy.

If total requested funding is not possible this session due to current budget constraints, then we urge that the original requests of the three bills above, with a combined cost of only \$250K for additional Statewide support of our important and growing aquaculture industry, be funded this session since these funds and initiatives are so urgently needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments in strong support of increased funding these important programs.

HB 2500, HD1

WASHINGTON PLACE FOUNDATION

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From: Mary Philpotts, Chair
Washington Place Foundation

Date: March 27, 2008

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Dear Senators Baker and Tsutsui,

Washington Place Foundation supports HB 2500, HD1 because it includes the 2008 Executive CIP Budget Request for Renovations to Washington Place.

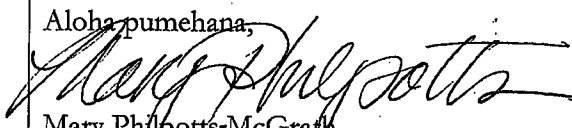
Recently, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior designated Washington Place a **National Historic Landmark**, the highest recognition accorded by the nation to an historic property. This is because of its close association with the life of Queen Lili'uokalani. As such, Washington Place exemplifies Hawaii's unique history and heritage.

The \$4.9 million we are requesting is critical for capital improvements, restoration, and development of galleries at Washington Place. In particular, we need to address existing health and safety issues.

In 1921, the State assumed responsibility for Washington Place via the Territory's purchase of the property from Queen Lili'uokalani's Trust. As a result the Washington Place Foundation's mission is to preserve and restore Washington Place so as to continue to educate our people about the legacy of Hawaii's last Queen.

We cannot fulfill this mission without sufficient funding and we humbly request your support of HB 2500, HD1.

Aloha pumehana,


Mary Philpotts-McGrath
President

testimony

From: Moani Crowell [mcrowell@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 8:04 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Amending HB2500 to Add Law School Design Funds

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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Moani Crowell. I testify in strong support for amending HB2500 to include \$7.2 million for the University of Hawaii at Manoa Law School Design Funds. The amendment to HB2500 is important now and I hope we can get your support for it.

I am in my third and final year of law school here in Hawaii and will graduate this May. For the past two years, I have competing on one of our law school's moot court teams for a total of two years. In addition to being a part of a winning tradition, by being on the moot court team I have been able to visit a number of other law schools in the continental United States. The schools I have visited include: the William Mitchell College of Law, Hamline University, the University of Minnesota, the University of St. Thomas and Arizona State University this past February. As a moot court competitor I have both seen and experienced the superior design and facilities at these other law schools and I understand the positive impact upgraded facilities have on those students in other states at other schools.

It is critical for us all to realize the importance of providing a quality education and learning place for the study of law in Hawaii. Lawyers play a vital role in shaping society in and out of the court room. Lawyers assist clients with: divorces, child-welfare issues, estate planning, protecting rights, enforcing the protection of rights, commercial transactions, protecting the environment, and a wide range of other types of services, including serving society as political and elected leaders on the federal, state and local levels. Because the William S. Richardson School of Law is the only law school in Hawaii, it is of the utmost importance today to provide it with the necessary support in producing tomorrow's leaders.

The William S. Richardson School of Law provides Hawaii residents with the only opportunity, in-state, to obtain a law degree. By providing Hawaii residents with this educational opportunity, our only law school helps to provide residents of different backgrounds and from under represented communities the ability to sufficiently represent and advocate for their community's needs.

Without adequately supporting our State's only law school, the William S. Richardson School of Law, we run the risk of not cultivating competent local leaders who can compete with law school graduates from other states. While I have every confidence that our law school faculty and administration will do everything they can to produce great leaders and lawyers our students still have to compete with non-local law school graduates from other states who come to Hawaii and take the bar examination with the intent of starting their legal careers here. Your support for amending HB2500 to include \$7.2 million for the University of Hawaii at Manoa Law School Design Funds is an important first step in the movement toward ensuring the continued competitive legal education of Hawaii's law students and future leaders.

As Hawaii's only law school, the William S. Richardson School of Law continues to garner national and international accreditation in many fields of law and public assistance. Because of its remarkable growth, the existing facilities are simply unable to keep up with our elevating standards of academic achievement and community service. Utilizing \$500,000 allocated by the Legislature in 2006, the Law School has developed conceptual plans for renovating its two buildings in a way that will serve as a model for high performance green buildings in Hawaii.

The renovated buildings will be designed for LEED Gold certification, at minimum. To better serve our local communities, a part-time law program has been authorized to begin next year, expanding opportunities and legal services to all the people of Hawaii. The Law School also serves as a hub to connect the United States, the South Pacific, Southeast Asia, Asia, and beyond. We play an indispensable role already, but we could do so much more with an expanded, professional, and smart-technology facility.

Funding to commence the design phase at this point is vital. Only with this design funding can the Law School move forward with plans for raising supplemental federal and private funding for the construction phase of this project.

Now is the time to build for the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

3/27/2008

Sincerely,

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testimony

From: Sheela Sharma [sheela@hawaii.edu]
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Subject: Testimony in Support of Amending HB2500 to Add Law School Design Funds

Senate Committee on: Ways and Means
Attn: Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Tsutsui

March 27, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 211

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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sheela Sharma, and I am testifying in strong support of amending HB2500 to include \$7.2M for the University of Hawaii at Manoa Law School Design Funds. This amendment is critical at this time and needs your support.

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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members:

My name is Princess Fredericks and I am the Event and Communication Coordinator at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

I strongly support an amendment to HB2500 that would include the design funds for the School of Law. The way I see it is that we are not requesting a new building, but rather a resource for the State of Hawaii, that will expand what the Law School can do for the community. The Law School currently offers educational lectures open to the public, provides legal services for the elderly, educate the children of Hawaii, among other beneficial services. However, space is limited. We need more space to house more professors to broaden the areas of specialty; to assist students with admissions, advising, and financial aid; clinical space to service the community; meeting space to bridge the law community and law school; library space extend our resources for the law school and community; and other needs.

Thank you for your time in considering the HB2500.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members,

I am a long-time Kaneohe resident and third-year law student at the William S. Richardson School of Law. I strongly support an amendment to HB2500 that would include the requested design funds for the School of Law Building Project. Our law school plays a vital role in providing access to social justice in the Pacific Region. It is a place of inspiration and ingenuity for addressing social and environmental challenges shared by the citizens of our state, as well as the citizens of our nation and the entire planet. This building project will allow our campus to reflect, on the outside, the hope and potential for greatness that is fostered within the law school every day. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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To: Senate Ways and Means Committee

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

I am a professor, emeritus, and former dean of the Williams S. Richardson School of Law. I was a member of the original faculty of the School when it began about 35 years ago. Currently, I am serving as director of the School's summer externship program, where students receive credit for learning the law under the tutelage of local lawyers and judges.

I am strongly in support of an amendment to HB2500 that would include the design funds for the School of Law. I am aware of and have been affected by the Law School's acute shortage of adequate space. Further, there is a great need to modernize the facility in order to take advantage of important opportunities "to obtain firm commitments from promising prospects of private, federal, foundation, and other funds – all of which will leverage any future state funds and contributed to maintaining the School of Law as a first-class state school," as Dean Soifer and Professor Antolini have stated.

Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Respectfully yours,



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