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TESTIMONY OF KIPPEN DE ALBA CHU

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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HB 2611

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2611.

Last year, Act 291 authorized the Legislature to directly fund The Friends of Iolani Palace through a line-item appropriation in the Executive Budget. However, due to concerns raised by both legislators and the Governor, The Friends requested introduction of this bill to establish standards and conditions that we have to meet in order to receive state funding. These standards and conditions are essentially identical to those that all non-profit organizations have to satisfy in order to receive grants-in-aid through Chapter 42F.

Based on a further review of the bill's language, we kindly request that the Finance Committee amend the measure by adding the words "**In order to receive state funds,**" at the beginning of subsections (c) and (d). (Specifically, page 1, line 15, and page 2, line 7). This clarification will make it explicit that we have to be in compliance with these conditions **prior** to the disbursement of any state funds to The Friends.

Thank you again for allowing us to testify in support of this measure.