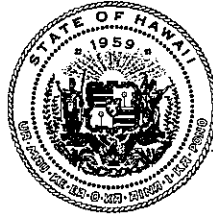
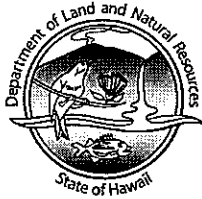


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
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on House Bill 2955, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 – Relating To Archaeological Data

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEASNS**

April 2, 2008

House Bill 2955, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 establishes and designates an archaeological data survey as an online database program of the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History. While the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) acknowledges the safeguards incorporated in this measure, the Department nonetheless is mindful that the information that will be available by way of the database is subject to physical accessibility by unscrupulous individuals and as such, conceivably threatens the protection of the site or artifact.

testimony

From: Jeannine Johnson [jeannine@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 2:02 PM
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Subject: Testimony in Strong Support of HB2955, HD1, SD1 (archaeological data)

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Re: HB 2955, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA
Hearing: Wednesday, April 2, 2008 @ 10:25 am in Conf. Rm. 211

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui and Honorable Committee Members:

I strongly support HB2955, HD1, SD1 which establishes an archaeological data survey as an online database program under the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; and authorizes the museum, in consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the State Historic Preservation Division to withhold information from the database if a disclosure may pose a threat to a site or artifact.

I am a member on several non-profit Boards seeking to protect, preserve and mālama the history, culture and resources of the East O'ahu area. An on-line database system would empower even more people with this knowledge and provide a critical link between the past and the present. There is an 'Ōiēlo No'ēau that states the passing of time obscures the past: *E uhi ana ka wā i hala in a mea i hala*. We must take care of our heritage or *'A'ohe mālama, pau ka pono o ka Hawai'i* – the well-being of the Hawaiian people will end.

Your support of this important bill is humbly requested.

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**TO: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

FROM: Bishop Museum

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF H.B. 2955, H.D. 1, S.D. 1
Relating to Archaeological Data**

**HEARING: April 2, 2008 at 10:25 a.m.
Room 211**

Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in memory of his wife, Bernice Pauahi Bishop. The Museum is a non-profit organization whose mission is to "to study, preserve and tell the stories of the cultures and natural history of Hawai'i and the Pacific." The Museum houses 24 million natural history and cultural collection items, making it the 4th largest museum collection in the country. In 1989, the Legislature designated Bishop Museum as the State's Museum of natural and cultural and history. The Museum currently maintains numerous internet-based natural history and cultural collections databases which provide people with virtual access to our collections-based resources.

Bishop Museum supports the creation of the Archaeological Data Survey. The goal is to create an on-line resource of Hawaiian archaeology information and improve access to these materials. The database will provide a tangible benefit to archaeologists, researchers, educators, and the public. Anyone with internet access will have unprecedented access to a rich body of archaeological information. The database will increase the awareness of traditional Hawaiian material cultures and will facilitate improved preservation of Hawaiian archaeological resources. The online resource could include the development of finding aids and the digitization of materials from Bishop Museum, other private collections, and publicly available materials. A similar bill passed the Legislature last year but was vetoed over concerns about safeguarding confidential and sensitive information. We believe that the bill before this committee addresses the concerns that the Attorney General's office raised.

Bishop Museum asks this Committee to support creating a Hawaii Archaeological Data Survey by approving the passage of H.B. 2955, H.D. 1, S.D. 1. Thank you for your consideration.

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Wednesday, April 2, 2008 @ 10:25 am in Conf. Rm. 211

HB 2955, HD1, SD1

Relating to Archeological Data

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui and Honorable Committee Members,

The establishment of an on-line database of Hawaiian archeological sites will provide invaluable information to Hawaiians and those of non-Hawaiian ancestry who are interested in examining Hawaii's past and using that information to help guide what our future will be in the islands. It is our past which helps to define what our future will be. It is by the lessons learned and knowledge gained which allows us to make critical and thoughtful decisions about our future.

In the Hawaiian culture the past, present and future are tied together by family genealogical lines and the ever present relationship Hawaiians have to the land and ocean. How our ancestors lived and flourished in Hawaii can provide us with information today on how to incorporate Hawaiian culture and practices into Hawaii's future.

A great deal of the gathering of information regarding traditional Hawaiian culture takes place on archeological sites on every island. There is much to learn and care for at these sites. Having an on-line data base of archeological sites for the public to access allows our community the opportunity to educate themselves about these priceless sites and increases awareness about these sacred places and why they should be studied, cared for and preserved on every island.

I strongly support HB2955, HD1, SD1 and ask for your committee's support of this bill as well.

Mahalo,
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Legislative Testimony
HB 2955, HD 1, SD 1, RELATING TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** H.B. 2955, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which would establish an archaeological data survey as an online database program under the State of Hawai'i Museum of Natural and Cultural History (Museum). The bill would also authorize the Museum, in consultation with OHA and the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), to withhold information from the database if a disclosure may pose a threat to a site or artifact.

OHA agrees with the intent of the bill, which would collect and disseminate important archeological information to the public via an easy-to-use on-line database application. This legislation has the potential to increase access for professionals who regularly go to the many public repositories to conduct archeological research. The potential downside of this bill would be the threat of disclosure, in an easy-to-access format, of the location of important and sacred historic and cultural sites. Our office is also concerned with the security access, including the tracking and record keeping of the users of the system. The potential for confidential information of OHA's beneficiaries being revealed to the general public is a concern.

Many institutions, both public and private, are currently making attempts to create similar on-line databases for their own institutional purposes, including OHA. The idea of an all-encompassing database of archeological information will require a lot of resources to both create and maintain over the long run.

Our office has also been working with SHPD to get their Geographic Information Systems (GIS) historic sites database up and running again. SHPD currently does not have staffing with the technical experience and knowledge

to handle the task of being a consulting partner with the Museum and OHA to help establish this database program. We recommend that the Legislature support increased funding at SHPD for a GIS specialist to help manage and maintain the historic sites GIS system.

OHA urges the Committee to PASS H.B. 2955, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, taking the above concerns into account. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.