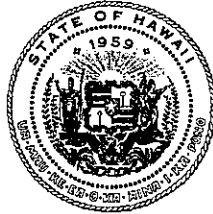
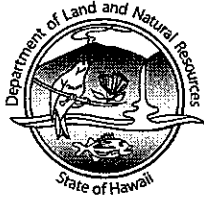


LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

LAURA H. THIELEN
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RUSSELL Y. TSUJI
FIRST DEPUTY

KEN C. KAWAHARA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAIHOLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

on House Bill 3348, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 – Relating To Historic Preservation

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

April 1, 2008

House Bill 3348, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 appropriates \$1 to the Hawaii Preservation Fund endowment, as administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in cooperation with the Historic Hawaii Foundation. While the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recognizes and appreciates the work and support of the Historic Hawaii Foundation, the Department nonetheless has concerns with the fiscal impacts this measure will have on the Executive Supplemental Budget request. The Department instead, respectfully asks the Committee to support the Department's Supplemental Budget request, which allocates funds to the Department's Historic Preservation Division, to support historic preservation across the State.

Position requests include two Compliance Specialists, which will provide accurate project intake and classification, consistent data base maintenance and help ensure timely responses to public inquiries, as well as, a Librarian to maintain the State Historic Preservation Division libraries on all islands and provide a consistent filing system for reports.

Additional money is requested for reinternment of iwi in the State Inventory on all islands. The funding will allow the department to purchase burial vaults and to pay for labor to reinter the iwi. The Department is also requesting lease rent monies for Hawaii Island staff, which lost its Kona office space and is in need of a permanent office.

testimony

From: Kiersten Faulkner [Kiersten@historichawaii.org]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 3:08 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support for HB3348, WAM, April 1, 10:15 a.m., Room 211

VIA EMAIL: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

To:
 Senator Rosalyn A. Baker, Chair
 Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
 Committee on Ways and Means

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

Committee Date:
 Tuesday, April 1, 2008
 10:15 am
 Conference Room 211

Subject: Support of HB3348 HD2 SD1, Relating to Historic Preservation

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support of HB3348 HD2 SD1, with amendments to restore an appropriate funding amount up to \$500,000 and to establish the effective date as July 1, 2008.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF works to preserve the unique architectural and cultural heritage of Hawai'i 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 HB3348 HD2 SD1, which would capitalize a Hawai'i Preservation Fund with Historic Hawai'i Foundation, in association with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), with funds as matched by private sector contributions.

NTHP is a national nonprofit organization chartered by Congress. It currently administers a spend-down preservation fund for projects in Hawai'i. The Hawai'i Preservation Fund, established through a gift from Historic Hawai'i Foundation in 1998, is anticipated to be depleted by the end of 2008, leaving Hawai'i projects to compete for limited unrestricted national dollars.

HB3348 HD2 SD1 will help to establish a permanent Hawai'i Preservation Fund. The State funding will be leveraged by private contributions, including a lead gift of \$100,000 from a generous donor. Creating a perpetual endowment for the Hawai'i Preservation Fund will create a dedicated funding stream for preservation projects in the state, which will then provide a catalyst for preservation activities and leverage additional investment from private sources.

The Hawai'i Preservation Fund will increase the viability of individual preservation projects by providing grants to nonprofit and government organizations to support cultural heritage resource protection efforts in Hawai'i. Grants may be used for planning and assessment, education and interpretation, and stabilization, rehabilitation and restoration of historic sites. These kinds of grants have proven to be an effective way to foster community-based efforts to save important landmarks, to initiate neighborhood or community-wide programs that reinforce sense of place, and to reuse historic buildings for contemporary needs. Helping to strengthen Hawai'i's historic fabric is also a benefit for the growing reliance on heritage tourism and cultural travel.

3/28/2008

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation urges your support for HB3348 HD2 SD1 to capitalize the Hawai'i Preservation Fund.

Kiersten Faulkner, AICP
Executive Director
Historic Hawai'i Foundation
680 Iwilei Road Suite 690
Honolulu, HI 96817
808-523-2900 (tel)
808-523-0800 (fax)
Kiersten@historichawaii.org
www.historichawaii.org

testimony

From: TJ-Davies-Jr [tjdavies@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 5:39 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Support of HB3348 HD2 SD1, Relating to Historic Preservation

To:
Senator Rosalyn A. Baker, Chair
Senator Sean S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

From: T. J. Davies, Jr.

Committee Date:

Tuesday, April 1, 2008
10:15 am
Conference Room 211

Subject:

Support of HB3348 HD2 SD1, Relating to Historic Preservation

I am writing in support of HB3348 HD2 SD1, which would capitalize a Hawai'i Preservation Fund with Historic Hawai'i Foundation, in association with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), with an appropriation as matched by private sector contributions.

HB3348 HD2 SD1 will help to establish a permanent Hawai'i Preservation Fund. The State funding will be leveraged by private contributions. Creating a perpetual endowment for the Hawai'i Preservation Fund will create a dedicated funding stream for preservation projects in the state, which will then provide a catalyst for preservation activities and leverage additional investment from private sources.

The goals for the Hawai'i Preservation Fund are to provide both technical assistance and increased resources to caretakers and owners of Hawai'i's historic sites, to make preservation accessible and more financially viable. Additional benefits from the Hawai'i Preservation Fund include the advantage for heritage tourism, which is traveling to experience the places, artifacts and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present. Heritage tourists include travelers who incorporate at least one visit to a historic site or landmark among other activities, and also a smaller subset of visitors whose primary reason for traveling is to visit historic places. Economic impacts of heritage tourism go beyond the direct expenditures of tourists. Each dollar spent at a hotel, restaurant or retail shop circulates in the economy as an indirect expenditure for wages, supplies and contracts. Past studies have shown that heritage travelers spend more, stay longer and return more often.

Please support HR3348 HD2 SD1 to capitalize the Hawai'i Preservation Fund.

T. J. Davies, Jr.
909 Kapiolani Blvd Apt601
Honolulu, HI 96814-2132
808-593-1026
tjdavies@juno.com

testimony

From: Jerry Norris [jerrynorris@elele.peacesat.hawaii.edu]
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2008 12:03 PM
To: testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY HB3348 HD2 SD1

To:
Senator Rosalyn A. Baker, Chair
Senator Sean S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

From:

Committee Date:

Tuesday, April 1, 2008
10:15 am
Conference Room 211

Subject:

Support of HB3348 HD2 SD1, Relating to Historic Preservation

I am writing in support of HB3348 HD2 SD1, which would capitalize a Hawai'i Preservation Fund with Historic Hawai'i Foundation, in association with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), with an appropriation as matched by private sector contributions.

HB3348 HD2 SD1 will help to establish a permanent Hawai'i Preservation Fund. The State funding will be leveraged by private contributions. Creating a perpetual endowment for the Hawai'i Preservation Fund will create a dedicated funding stream for preservation projects in the state, which will then provide a catalyst for preservation activities and leverage additional investment from private sources.

I respectfully request that you support and pass HB3348 HD2 SD1

Jerry B. Norris
1415 Griffiths Street
Honolulu, HI 96822
Hm: (808) 949-5850
Cel (808)295-7483

testimony

From: Kiersten Faulkner [hhfd@lava.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 3:16 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Sam Cooke; 'Mary Cooke'
Subject: FW: Testimony in support of HB3348

Please see testimony below submitted on behalf of Sam Cooke.

VIA EMAIL: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

To: Senator Rosalyn A. Baker, Chair
 Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
 Committee on Ways and Means

From: Samuel A. Cooke
 2859 Mānoa Road, Honolulu, HI 96822

Committee Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2008
 10:15 am
 Conference Room 211

Subject: **Support of HB3348 HD2 SD1, Relating to Historic Preservation**

The uniqueness of Hawai'i comes from its special places, distinct culture and layered history. Like the flora and fauna that exist nowhere else on earth, Hawai'i's historic buildings, landscapes and cultural sites are irreplaceable. There is simply no replacement for Hawai'i's authentic and special places.

It takes many people working together to ensure that the historic places we use and enjoy today will be here for future generations. The fabric of Hawai'i is more than a monumental building here or there. It is the places of everyday experience—neighborhoods, main streets, schools, churches and shops—as well as the places where the great moments of history took place. To ensure that the special places of the Islands are preserved, used and enjoyed, all people need to have access to the tools that make historic preservation possible and affordable.

These are the goals for the Hawai'i Preservation Fund: to provide both technical assistance and increased resources to caretakers and owners of Hawai'i's historic sites, to make preservation accessible and more financially viable. In addition to the State funding, a generous donor has committed a lead gift of \$100,000 to leverage the State's contribution.

Additional benefits from the Hawai'i Preservation Fund include the advantage for heritage tourism, which is traveling to experience the places, artifacts and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present. Heritage tourists include travelers who incorporate at least one visit to a historic site or landmark among other activities, and also a smaller subset of visitors whose primary reason for traveling is to visit historic places. Economic impacts of heritage tourism go beyond the direct expenditures of tourists. Each dollar spent at a hotel, restaurant or retail shop circulates in the economy as an indirect expenditure for wages, supplies and contracts. Past studies have shown that heritage travelers spend more, stay longer and return more often.

Please support HR3348 HD2 SD1 to capitalize the Hawai'i Preservation Fund.

3/28/2008

April 1, 2008

To: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Representative Corinne W. L. Ching
Founder, Heritage Caucus

Subject: House Bill 3348 - Relating to Historic Preservation

Please accept this testimony in strong support of HB 3348 – Relating to Historic Preservation.

The legislature finds that, to date, funding for preserving our local culture has been insufficient. To address the insufficient funding for historic preservation, HB 3348 will appropriate funds for the purpose of funding the Hawai'i Preservation Fund endowment. Historic Hawai'i Foundation, in cooperation with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will establish the Hawai'i Preservation Fund.

Preserving Hawai'i's irreplaceable edifices and scenic landscapes should take precedence in the Legislature this session as we look to recover from slumping tourist numbers. The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides strong evidence of the emergence of Cultural Heritage Tourism as an increasingly popular trend in US tourism as well as a growing economic. Overall, cultural heritage tourists are more affluent, stay longer and spend more while contributing to global understanding through cultural exchange and commerce. Cultural and heritage visitors spend, on average, \$623 per trip compared to \$457 for all U.S. travelers.

The Hawai'i Preservation Fund is envisioned as an endowment vehicle which would allow the Historic Hawai'i Foundation to compete for federal funds. The State funding will be leveraged by private contributions, including a lead gift of \$100,000 from a generous donor. Creating a perpetual endowment for the Hawai'i Preservation Fund will create a dedicated funding stream for preservation projects in the state, which will then provide a catalyst for preservation activities and leverage additional investment from private sources. To ensure transparency of allocated state funding, this bill would also prohibit the release of funds until the appropriated funds are matched by private contributions.

It is in the best interest of this State to preserve Hawai'i's uniqueness and cultural identity for the benefit of business as well as tourism. Please support HB 3348 to ensure that the special places of the Islands are preserved, used and enjoyed. Mahalo.

March 31, 2008

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

From: Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo, Minatoishi Palumbo Architects, Inc.

Subject: House Bill 3348 - Relating to Historic Preservation

I submit testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 3348 - Relating to Historic Preservation.

Hawaii's multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society is represented in its diverse landscape markers- its buildings, gardens, and edifices. For instance, Japanese temples and shrines were once visible markers as community and plantation centers when Japanese immigrants were establishing their families in a new land. Today, few of these temples exist and those that do are hidden gems in our communities. If neglected, these last remaining temples will also be demolished, with no story left to tell our descendants. There are many more examples of the diversity of our broad ethnicities including our Chinese temples, theaters, and cultural centers, plantation camps, ethnic neighborhoods, and countless other historically significant "places" that can be listed.

Why is it important to preserve our historic buildings? Essentially, the traveler asks: "Do the people living in this place believe their land to be special and important?" If they look around and see that the landscape is well-preserved and historic structures are highlighted, it tells that the people of the area treasure their heritage. They then seek further to understand its secrets.

It is shallow to present Hawaii as a place to see beautiful beaches alone. Our cultures are the heart of Hawaii, and in fact, a large part of the reason why Hawaii originally grew to be a tourist destination in the first place. We must uphold our cultures because it signifies our respect of our past and our multi-ethnic cultural diversity.

Thank you for your time.

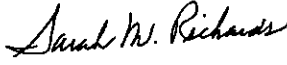
Sincerely,

Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo, Ph.D., A.I.A

March 31, 2008

Testimony

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
Senate Ways and Means Committee Members

From: Sarah Richards 
President
Hawaii Theatre Center

Re: HB 3348 – Relating to Historic Preservation

On behalf of the Hawaii Theatre Center, I am pleased to testify in support of HB 3348. This innovative legislation will help to preserve Hawaii's important cultural and historic landmarks and contribute to Hawaii's uniqueness as a tourist destination.

What draws visitors, and particularly repeat visitors, to a destination is the quality and depth of the cultural experience and ability to learn about the history of that destination. Research has shown that 'heritage' visitors also spend more dollars and stay longer.

The restoration and renovation of the beautiful historic Hawaii Theatre is a perfect case in point of the value of saving a cherished landmark for new generations to enjoy as well as serving the local non-profit performing arts community.

Even more significant is the catalyst role which the restored Theatre played to sparking the revival of Chinatown and creating a unique Hawaii tourist destination. Since the Theater re-opened, the number of tourists drawn to the area has grown tremendously.

This legislation would also form a partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A win-win for everyone!

I strongly urge your support of HB 3348.