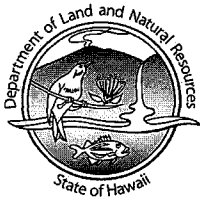


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

On Senate Bill 2305 – Relating To State Heritage

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAXATION**

February 5, 2008

Senate Bill 2305 appropriates an undisclosed amount of funds to fund the necessary functions to carry out the establishment of the Hawaii Heritage Task Force (Task Force). The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) opposes this measure.

The establishment of the Task Force duplicates many of the same functions and duties of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board (Review Board) and the Certified Local Government program (CLG). Both the Review Board and the CLG are to identify, evaluate the historic significance, and protect and promote historic resources.

Additionally, the Department cannot support this measure, as it would adversely impact priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget request. The Department instead, asks this Committee to support the Department's Supplemental Budget request, which allocates funds to the Department's Historic Preservation Division, to strengthen the State's oversight and support of 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 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.

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Committee Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2008
1:15 pm
Conference Room 224

Subject: SB2305, Relating to State Heritage

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in conditional support of SB2305, with recommended amendments. Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF works to preserve Hawai'i'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.

SB2305 would establish a Heritage Task Force to develop an inventory of sites and buildings worthy of preservation and protection.

Hawai'i's historic and cultural sites are irreplaceable and many are threatened by inadequate mechanisms for their protection. The State lacks a comprehensive inventory of historically and architecturally significant sites against which to evaluate proposals for development or demolition. The proposal for a Heritage Task Force is one approach to address this information gap, provide analysis and direction for protective measures.

However, the proposed process and outcome does not adequately address existing processes and commissions that are engaged in similar activities. The Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board is tasked with identifying and designating sites to the Hawai'i State Register of Historic Places. The State Historic Preservation Division is assigned to maintain an inventory of historic sites. Local preservation commissions in Maui, Kaua'i and Hawai'i Counties have similar responsibilities. Rather than establish a new task force and new process, Historic Hawai'i Foundation recommends evaluating and strengthening existing mechanisms at both the State and County levels in order to identify, inventory, evaluate and protect sites of significance in Hawai'i's history.

Very truly yours,



Kiersten Faulkner



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2303
A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PACIFIC
AVIATION MUSEUM PEARL HARBOR

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAXATION

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
February 5, 2008

Chair Fukunaga and Committee Members:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying on Senate Bill 2305. This bill makes an appropriation for the Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor to start Phase 2 of the museum.

The department supports the intent of this measure as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

Chair Fukunaga, thank you for letting me submit this written testimony.