

testimony

From: Jim Powell [jprk89@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 10:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Please support SB2561

To: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice-Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Taxation

From:

Committee Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2008
1:30 pm
Conference Room 224

Subject: Support of SB2561 Relating to
Taxation

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As an incentive for reinvestment in our neighborhoods and communities, the historic property tax credit program makes sense. As an economic development program, it also makes fiscal sense for the state.

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From: Mike Weidenbach [MikeW@usmissouri.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 10:44 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Rep. Corinne Ching; Rep. Lynn Finnegan; Rep. Cindy Evans
Subject: Support of SB2561 Relating to Taxation

To: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
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From: Mr. Michael Weidenbach

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As a 35-year resident of Hawaii, I have watched with dismay and sadness the gradual erosion of our communities' distinct character and culture. The significance and value of historic structures, be they an aging "termite palace", a Chunkies Drive-in, a Kalihi Bowl, or entire neighborhoods of residences and small businesses can not be underestimated in terms of establishing and maintaining an authentic sense of place; of home. The community pride that comes with preservation of our distinctive values and culture as represented by familiar physical surroundings is most apparent where it has been lost forever. A tax credit that encourages preservation of our authenticity and uniqueness as communities can only be of value and benefit to us all.

While the reasons why this tax credit is purposeful and good for the community are numerous, one example stands out. We remain an economy driven by tourism. Tourists visit Hawaii in order to experience our differences, our culture, our uniqueness. To destroy outright, or by benign neglect to encourage the loss of that which is unique to Hawaii in favor of that which is commonplace to everywhere else, is contrary to logic and common sense..

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Dorothea Brande

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From: Lori Sablas [lsablas@KBHMAUI.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 11:10 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SB 2561 Relating to Taxation
Importance: High

Attention Senator Carol Fukanaga, Chair:

As a strong advocate for preservation of historic sites, I am writing in support of SB 2561. I have served for two terms on the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, on the board of Friends of Moku'ula and presently, on the Lahaina Restoration Foundation; thus, I understand the importance of what passage of this bill will do toward our collective efforts of preservation in Hawaii nei.

I apologize for this late support as I just now received notice of this hearing.

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O Kealoha ke Kuleana o Kahi Malihini . . . Love is the host in strange lands. Remember, if all else fails, Love prevails.

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From: North Shore Chamber of Commerce [info@gonorthshore.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 12:35 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Historic Hawaii Foundation (Kiersten Faulkner)
Subject: Support of SB2561 Relating to Taxation

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To: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice-Chair
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From: Antya Miller, Executive Director
Haleiwa Main Street dba North Shore Chamber of Commerce

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As an incentive for reinvestment in our neighborhoods and communities, the historic property tax credit program makes sense. As an economic development program, it also makes fiscal sense for the state. As an example, Haleiwa Town is a special historic and cultural district with 30 buildings listed with the State Historic Preservation Office. This tax credit would provide additional incentive to property owners to preserve these buildings that make Haleiwa what it is - a quaint, plantation-era town that has become a world-renowned visitor destination.

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Mahalo piha, Helen Wong Smith

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The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.
--Albert Einstein