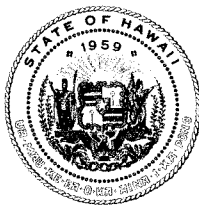
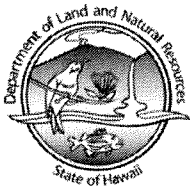


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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
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**Before the House Committee on
TOURISM, CULTURE, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Friday, April 24, 2009
10:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 423**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 138, SENATE DRAFT 1 –
REQUESTING THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF
THE FALLS OF CLYDE AS A SAILING SYMBOL OF HAWAII**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 138, Senate Draft 1 urges the State to recognize the historical significance of the Falls Of Clyde as a sailing symbol of Hawaii. The Department of Land and Natural Resources concurs with the purpose of this resolution.

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COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**The Honorable Joey Manahan, Chair
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**Senate Concurrent Resolution 138, SD1
Hearing on April 24, 2009**

Testimony of Bruce McEwan, Chieftain

Chair Manahan, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the House Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 138, SD 1.

The Caledonian Society of Hawaii, Inc. is in support of this resolution. We are a 501(c)(3) educational, cultural organization whose purpose is to educate people about Scottish heritage, history, and culture. As a Scottish-built ship, *Falls of Clyde* is an important link between those of us in the community who are of Scottish descent and the entire State of Hawaii population. Members of our Society spent many hours over the years as volunteers working on preservation projects on the ship. In the 1970s and 1980s, we held Society functions aboard her. We believe that a ship, which is unique in the world, deserves to be treated with the dignity and respect befitting a national historic landmark. The State of Hawaii should be proud to be the home of such a historic vessel, which at one time flew the Hawaiian flag, and can do so once again once her restoration is completed.

Mahalo for allowing us to submit testimony on this very important resolution.

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Testimony of Bruce McEwan, President
Friends of Falls Of Clyde

Chair Manahan, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the House Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 138, SD 1.

Friends of Falls Of Clyde is in support of this resolution. We are the owners and stewards of this wonderful Historic National Landmark. Friends is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose sole purpose is the preservation and restoration of the historic ship, *Falls of Clyde*. The resolutions address some of the history of the ship, which has been part of the attraction of Honolulu Harbor for over 40 years. Over that time, *Falls of Clyde* has been an important site on the waterfront for those interested in maritime history and the excitement of learning what it was like to sail on a ship and be part of a vibrant maritime industry. The ship has been the destination for thousands of school children over the years. She has also been an important part of the Hawaii Maritime Center, which has been a tourist attraction for visitors to Oahu. While she was allowed to deteriorate over the past several years, she can be restored again to be the educational and tourist destination that she once was. Friends of Falls Of Clyde are committed to the success of the project to preserve and restore the ship and we believe that this resolution will make a public statement that the legislature values this Historic National Landmark for what it should be: a centerpiece of the waterfront that highlights Hawaii's ties to the sea. Over the past several months we have heard from dozens of local citizens about what the ship has meant to them—a learning place, a play area, a meeting place, a site for weddings and parties. Over the years many people volunteered time to work on the ship. Yes, there are many memories that are triggered when people see the ship. Bob Krauss in his history of *Falls of Clyde* referred to the ship as indestructible and she is and her restoration will prove it.

Mahalo.