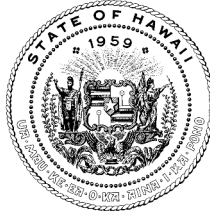


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**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
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**Monday, April 6, 2009
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 154 –
REQUESTING THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO COMPLETE
THE 2006 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP'S REPORT AND EXPAND THE
WORKING GROUP AND TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII AT MANOA'S APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM TO
DEVELOP AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 154 requests the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to: 1) Complete the 2006 Archaeological Working Group's Report, 2) Expand the Working Group, and 3) Expand the Working Group to work in conjunction with the University of Hawaii's Applied Archaeology Graduate Program to develop an internship program and professional standards. Given the uncertainties of the fiscal situation, the budgetary cuts the Department has had to absorb this fiscal year and further cuts proposed in the Executive Biennium Budget request, and the need to direct new efforts to apply for federal stimulus grants which will come with additional reporting requirements, the Department's personnel and fiscal resources are being spread thin. For the reasons given above, the Department cannot support this resolution.

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Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
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Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
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Committee on Economic Development and Technology

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Committee Date: Monday, April 6, 2009
1:15 p.m.
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Subject: SCR154, Requesting SHPD to address issues relating to Archaeology

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing with comments on SCR154, which request the State Historic Preservation Division to revive the 2006 SHPD archaeological working group and complete its report into ways to make SHPD's archaeological and cultural functions more efficient and effective, as well as to work in conjunction with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's applied archaeology program to develop an internship program and professional standards.

HHF supports efforts to foster the next generation of preservation professionals, to improve opportunities for education and training for cultural resource managers, and to provide practical hands-on training for applying those skills to real world situations. Therefore, HHF supports the development of an archaeology internship program, professional certification requirements, and expansion of training opportunities.

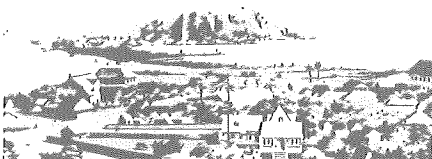
Furthermore, HHF agrees that the professional experience and practical knowledge of private sector practitioners can be of immense value to the state historic preservation division as it evaluates and improves the ways in which it meets its legal and moral obligations to safeguard Hawai'i's historic and cultural sites. When both the Archaeology and Architecture Working Groups were convened three years ago, the effort showed a promising expansion of public and private sectors working together to find a better way to engage in historic preservation. Unfortunately, the working groups were halted before their work was complete and the reports were never finalized or the recommendations implemented.



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Since that time, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has a new Chair and Hawai'i has a new State Historic Preservation Officer; the Historic Preservation Division also has a new Administrator. SHPD has engaged in a new effort to update the statewide Preservation Plan, which will set the vision and strategy for preservation throughout the Hawaiian Islands. The planning process should involve all the known stakeholders, as well as the general public. HHF suggests that rather than continue the working group process as a stand-alone task that will compete for SHPD time and resources, that the working groups' previous input be added to the Preservation Plan and that the working groups become part of the larger effort and vision. Many of the same issues remain to be resolved; however, by using the Preservation Plan process, there is a greater likelihood of successful implementation of the subsequent recommendations.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. A membership-based organization, 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, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.



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SUBJECT: Testimony in Strong Support of SCR 154, Relating to the State Historic Preservation Division, the Archaeology Working Group, and the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa's Applied Anthropology Graduate Program

I am Dr. Sara Collins, Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 200 members that include professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation in general. I am testifying in strong support of SCR 154, a resolution that calls for the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to complete the work begun by the 2006 Working Group in Archaeology. In addition, SCR 154 calls for SHPD to work with the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa's (UH Mānoa) Applied Anthropology Graduate Program in order to develop an internship program and professional standards in archaeology.

SCR 154 requests the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to carry out the following actions:

- Revive the 2006 state historic preservation division's archaeological working group, compile and amend its recommendations, and complete its report in time to be submitted no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of the Legislature in 2010;
- Expand the membership of the working group to include a broader cross-section of the State's historic preservation community, such as, Kamehameha Schools, the office of Hawaiian affairs, archaeologists from private cultural resource management firms, and archaeologists and historic preservation officials of state, county, and federal agencies

In addition, SCR 154 requests that SHPD work together with UH Mānoa's Applied Anthropology Graduate Program in order to:

- Develop a plan for an applied archaeology internship program that will be accessible to students throughout the system;
- Identify professional development and certification requirements that should be established for personnel of the SHPD and contractors of the division;

- Identify possible training and educational opportunities to be offered to burial council members to assist them in performing their duties

SHA strongly endorses this measure because we have repeatedly asked SHPD to fulfill its previously stated commitments to the Archaeology Working Group convened in 2006, and produce the group's final report. A number of our members contributed many hours to meetings of the Working Group only to see nothing come of their efforts; it is high time that the Working Group's report be completed and distributed to the public. We also support this measure's recommendation that the Working Group's composition be expanded to include additional stakeholders; we believe that this can only improve the final outcome.

We also strongly concur with the recommendation made in SCR 154 that SHPD work with UH Mānoa's Applied Anthropology Graduate Program to develop an internship program for eligible students in the UH system, increase training opportunities for burial council members, and broaden public outreach and participation. SCR 154 correctly links the needs for qualified personnel, whether they are paid staff or commissioners, to a strengthened regulatory framework that is responsive to the stakeholders in historic preservation in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above telephone number and email address.