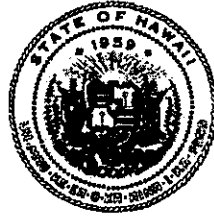
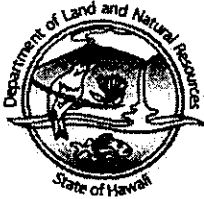


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**Testimony Of  
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**Before The House Committees On  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
and  
WATER, LAND, AND OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2010  
10:30 AM  
Conference Room 329**

**In Consideration Of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 336/ HOUSE RESOLUTION 254  
REQUESTING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO COMPLETE A STATEWIDE  
SURVEY AND INVENTORY TO IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT HISTORIC  
PROPERTIES, AVIATION ARTIFACTS, AND BURIAL SITES WITH AN  
EMPHASIS ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION RELTATING TO THE CULTURE  
AND HISTORY OF HAWAIIANS AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS**

House Concurrent Resolution 336/House Resolution 254 requests the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to complete a statewide survey and inventory of historic resources in the State. The Department does not support these resolutions due to limited resources.

The Department notes that what is possible, with funding, is to upgrade our Geographic Information System (GIS) maps to show what areas have been surveyed, what areas have not been surveyed, and what has been found in those areas that were surveyed.

The GIS has not been updated since 2004, when the staff person who managed the program resigned. To date, SHPD has not had funds to rehire a GIS staff person to maintain the program. In the interim, the Pacific Disaster Center has audited our records and developed a work plan for us, so that SHPD can address discrete parts of the problem in a systematic way. SHPD also reassigned an archaeologist with GIS background to work on organizing the information and getting the program back up. SHPD is using existing programs and staff to do this work. SHPD has prioritized Federal 106 reviews and Archaeological Inventory Surveys.

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Without additional technical support, it is likely that SHPD will not finish upgrading the GIS program within a year. However, SHPD should have the Big Island on line and would be happy to provide the Legislature with an update on the GIS program in our annual report prior to the 2011 Legislative Session.