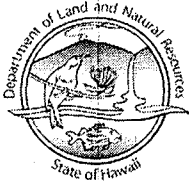


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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, April 15, 2010
3:40 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**In Consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 50, HOUSE DRAFT 2 –
REQUESTING A SUMMIT FOR THE HEALING AND CREATION OF POSITIVE
CHANGE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Concurrent Resolution 50, House Draft 2, requests a one day summit for “healing and positive change” for the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). The Department supports a one day summit.

The topic of the summit however needs to recognize that the success of Hawaii’s Historic Preservation Program relies upon more than a single division staffed with fewer than thirty positions. The summit should be focused on the update of the statewide Historic Preservation (State) Plan, the roles and responsibilities of all parties responsible for aspects of that plan, including the SHPD, the County Certified Local Governments, the professional firms preparing inventories, plans and surveys relating to historic properties, structures and developments, and the government and non-government organizations supporting historic preservation under the federal and state laws.

The topic should examine SHPD’s role under the state law, include conversation on the related legislative proposal to transfer the Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Burial Program from SHPD to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the concept of creating a Tribal Preservation Office in Hawaii, and the National Park Service (NPS) commitment to support the implementation of the federal historic preservation laws in Hawaii in light of the substantially higher amount of federal properties in our state. Accordingly, the Department respectfully recommends the Legislature broaden the scope of this event.

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The Department also asks the Legislature to note that the date of the event must be no sooner than late Fall 2010. This is because NPS in its recent report of SHPD specifically mandated that SHPD stop all state plan undertakings for six months while resources are put into updating the inventory and clarifying SHPD's review and compliance process. Failure to meet the NPS corrective action plan will result in the loss of the federal grant and recognized state historic preservation program. Accordingly, the Department cannot undertake hosting any large summit before receiving NPS clearance that their priorities have been adequately addressed.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HCR50 HD2, which requests a summit for the healing and creation of positive change for the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

There is an increased and heightened awareness of the extreme challenges facing the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). The deterioration of the historic landscape and irreparable loss of cultural resources, critical to the well-being of our island Lāhui, is often attributed to these pervasive systemic issues.

There needs to be a kākou effort by all involved with this issue to work together to find workable solutions now. Time is of the essence. This proposed summit can be a foundational beginning to kāhea the collective wisdom, intervention and guidance of our ancestors to help bring us all to a place where their legacy of aloha is meaningfully identified, protected and preserved for the future children of this beautiful one-of-a-kind place called Hawai'i.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS HCR50 HD2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SUBJECT: Testimony in SUPPORT of HCR 50, HD 2, Requesting a Summit for the Healing and Creation of Positive Change for the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

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. On behalf of SHA, I am providing testimony in support of HCR 50, HD 2, which calls for holding a one-day summit to promote healing and positive change for the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

We support the sentiments expressed in the subject resolution and believe that the proposed summit will help to establish common ground. We also look forward to working with the other parties listed in the resolution and hope that we can contribute to our community's efforts to restore the SHPD.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email address.

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Comments:

Please re-insert the managerial audit of SHPD back into HCR 50. The NPS audit only covered federal violations. I attended a townhall meeting last night with personnel from SHPD and I believe more than ever that SHPD must be audited to protect our precious wahi pana, wahi kapu and iwi kupuna. Please kokua.

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