

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for HCR146/HR85
Before the House Committee on Tourism, Culture and Military Affairs
Monday, March 22, 2010

Dear Chair Manahan, Vice Chair Tokioka, members of the Committee,

I want to express my strong support for HCR146 and HR85.

Being a resident of Ewa Villages I have many times gone to the "Mansion" to celebrate different affairs held by my neighbors. The mansion is a vital part of my memories and has a warm history.

Over the past years the mansion has become run down and is serious need of substantial repairs. If this deterioration is allowed to continue soon the mansion will be so dilapidated that it will need to be torn down.

I don't want this to happen. All the precious memories will fade even more in our minds with little to enjoy from the past.

This resolution is asking that the Ewa Historical Society be allowed to gain control of the property so they can mount a community effort to save the mansion. What a wonderful idea.

I strong urge you to pass this resolution.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

Gail Windsor
Ewa Villages resident

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In Support of HCR 146/HR 85-

Aloha Chair Manahan, Vice Chair Tokioka and members of the Tourism, Culture and International Affairs committee.

I am Rosebella Martinez, current president of Ewa Historical Society, Inc. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and present the purpose of this organization. Our goal is to preserve the Ewa Manager's Mansion and the Ewa Cemetery as historical entities with the possibility of restoring and availing the facility for public use, most importantly to abate with the undergoing decay of the building.

The deteriorating condition caused by termite infestation of the mansion house due to abandonment makes it a blithe within the community especially along Renton Road whose buildings are well kept by responsible tenants who religiously provide maintenance to their facilities. Also being vacant and without proper management the building will be more prone to vandalism such as arson.

The mansion used to be a place of celebration utilized by members of the community for functions such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and was a regular place of Ewa Day celebration where the community can get together and participate in several activities that build sense of brotherhood within the community, improve and enhance environment and definitely to bring the community together. These activities stopped due to the deteriorating condition of the building and absence of site control and management

We have requested the city:

1. 50 years lease for the mansion and the cemetery together.
2. Issue a "Request for Proposal for the lease of the mansion so we can or any other credible organization can come forward to offer their interest.

On behalf of the Ewa Historical Society, I respectfully request passing of this bill that will support the preservation, restoration, and protection of historical buildings, sites and other historical entities pertinent to our plantation heritage which is the foundation of our State and current society today. Passing of this bill will help preserve these entities for all future generation to enjoy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.