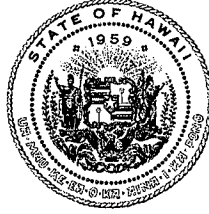
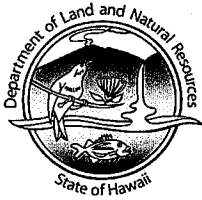


LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, February 26, 2009
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 786, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HISTORIC PLACES**

Senate Bill 786, Senate Draft 1 would make the entering or remaining unlawfully on property listed in the Hawaii Register of Historic Places after warning or request to leave, an offense of criminal trespass in the First Degree. This bill would also makes the intentional or knowing damage to property on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places an offense of criminal property damage in the First Degree. The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports this measure, and appreciates the Senate's support of historic preservation in Hawaii.

LAURA H. THIELEN
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RUSSELL Y. TSUJI
FIRST DEPUTY

KEN C. KAWAHARA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

VIA EMAIL: JGOtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

From: Kiersten Faulkner *Kiersten Faulkner*
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009
9:00 am
Conference Room 016

Subject: Support of SB786, Relating to Historic Places

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing to support SB786SD1, which increases criminal penalties for trespass upon and vandalism of properties on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places.

The state historic register is the official list of cultural resources that are recognized for their significance to Hawaii's history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture. The Register lists buildings, sites, objects, districts and structures which give a sense of place and identity to those who live in the Islands, as well as give visitors insight into the uniqueness of our island community. Each site listed on the Register serves as a tangible reminder of our complex history and contributes to our collective heritage.

Given the importance of the sites recognized on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places, it is appropriate that they be treated with special care, dignity and respect. HHF supports efforts to expand the tools and mechanisms provide for their protection.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. 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.

