



# LATE TESTIMONY

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### RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Before the  
FINANCE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS &  
CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Monday, April 4, 2011; 5:00pm;

Aloha Chair of the Committee, I am Antoinette Lee, President of Hawaii Maoli and I wish to strongly support SB333, SD3 with the addition of an amendment.

Hawai'i Maoli has been overseeing the restoration of the Royal Mausoleum at Mauna 'Ala, known as the project Malama Mauna'ala. This historic location houses the burial sites of all but two of eight monarchs of Hawai'i and their families and closest confidantes. The \$1.8 million restoration project has been supported by donations and funding from the State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Kamehameha Schools, Charles R Bishop Trust, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, Save America's Treasures and other private foundations and individual donations.

The scope of the project includes:

- Health and Safety Repairs and addition to the Curators Residence
- The Design and Construction of a new Comfort Station
- Extensive interior and exterior repairs to the Chapel and Monuments
- The Reconstruction of the unstable sections of the rock wall
- Sandblasting and painting of the wrought iron fence
- The replacement of the irrigation system and new landscaping
- Cold planning repairs to the road

It is estimated that the project will be completed in October of this year. Once completed Mauna 'ala and its grounds will be in excellent condition. It is imperative that Mauna 'ala receives additional annual funding for its future care and maintenance to prevent this historic site from falling into disrepair again, due to lack of adequate resources of the State Parks.

While SB333 is a very important initiative to support we are grateful that the Bill was amended to include Mauna Ala as receiving a share of the 1% of all state fund appropriations destined for the Hawaii historic preservation special fund.

Mahalo for your continued support of our cherished historic and sacred sites.

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