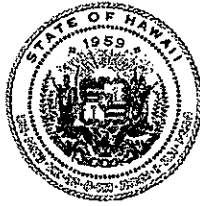


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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1137
RELATING TO THE ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE**

House Bill 1137 would change the name of the Works of Art Special Fund to an Arts, Culture, and Heritage Special Fund and expand the uses of the fund to include site modifications, display, interpretive work, and specific renovations and repairs for the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Iolani Place, and Washington Place for the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this measure to provide additional funding support for these important historic buildings that play a key role in Hawaii's history, but defers to the appropriate affected agencies on impacts this bill will have on their respective programs.

The Department has management jurisdiction over Iolani Palace State Monument and oversees major construction projects for the repair, maintenance, and restoration of the palace building through the State's capitol improvement program budget. The daily operations for public visitation and the development of displays and interpretive projects are undertaken by the Friends of Iolani Palace (Friends) who have a long-term lease from the Department's Division of State Parks. The Friends support their operations and projects through membership fees, entrance fees, donations, and grants. Additional funding support would provide opportunities to expand interpretive programs for visitors and carry out renovation projects for the preservation of this significant historic building.