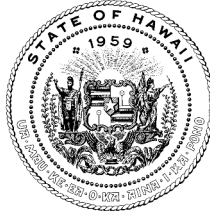


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**Before the Senate Committees on**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**and**  
**WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING**

**Monday, March 19, 2012**  
**1:45 P.M.**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 1972, HOUSE DRAFT 2**  
**RELATING TO A HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

House Bill 1972, House Draft 2 proposes to allow the State Historic Preservation Division (Division) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to set fees for services provided by the Division, and for archaeological permits, as long as fees, donations, fines and other income do not exceed the operating expenses of the Division. The Department supports the intent of this bill as it allows the Division to set fees that are proportional to the nature and complexity of the projects or services provided by the Division. The Department respectfully asks however that this measure be amended to revert the effective date back to "upon its approval".

# HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

**To:** Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Mālama Solomon, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land & Housing

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

**Committee Date:** Monday, March 19, 2012  
1:45 p.m.  
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**Subject:** **HB 1972, Relating to Historic Preservation**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in support of HB 1972 HD2, Relating to Historic Preservation.

HB 1972 HD2 would allow the department of land and natural resources to set fees for its comprehensive historic preservation program limited to amounts sufficient to cover the annual operating costs of the program, taking into account all other sources of program income.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF's 850 members and numerous additional supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

The State's historic preservation program is vitally important to ensure the perpetuation, appropriate use and rehabilitation, and celebration of the historic and cultural resources of Hawai'i. The historic preservation division is charged with planning, implementation and oversight of a comprehensive preservation program that includes research and inventory; review and compliance with regulations; keeping the state register of historic places; providing technical and financial assistance to the counties and other agencies; educating the public about preservation; and employing professional preservation staff to achieve the purpose and need of the program.

HHF strongly supports efforts to fully fund and staff the state historic preservation division through any appropriate methods, including the use of fees that are proportionate to the nature and complexity of the projects or services being provided.

**Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports HB1972 HD2.**

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the 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, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.