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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 532
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE

by

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Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 8:30 AM
State Capitol, Room 309

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

Although Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the intent of House Bill 532 Relating to Iolani Palace seeks to transfer law enforcement jurisdiction over Iolani Palace and the park grounds from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to the PSD, we are unable to support it as written.

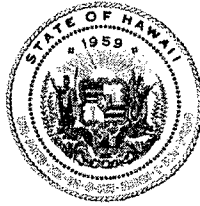
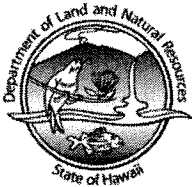
The PSD Sheriff Division supports the DLNR Division of Conversation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) law enforcement division whenever they have enforcement and manpower issues, and augments the number of their law enforcement officers with our Deputies, with the decisions on how to proceed, made by DLNR and DOCARE officers. The DOCARE officers are sworn police officers in every respect, and they know the unique concerns regarding the

palace and its grounds. Our Deputies assists when requested by DOCARE with the amount of boot on the ground that we can put on the scene, and has worked very well up to this point.

The PSD Sheriff Division has undertaken additional duties, such as staffing the New Kapolei Court Complex as well as very near future duties of patrolling the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Kakaako District in May 2011. To add Iolani Palace and the entire grounds, its unique problems, along with their specific rules and regulations, none of which our Deputies are conversant with, will add to additional costs and positions that PSD is unable to provide for at this time. In order to fulfill this task we would need additional time for planning and additional funding and manpower not available to PSD. Thus, PSD cannot support House Bill 532 as written.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 532
RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE**

House Bill 532 relating to Iolani Palace (Palace) seeks to transfer law enforcement jurisdiction over the Iolani Palace building and grounds from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to the Department of Public Safety. DLNR does not support this bill.

Law Enforcement Personnel from the Department of Public Safety, like all other state Law Enforcement Officers as well as County Police, have total and complete law enforcement jurisdiction and authority on all DLNR lands and facilities at all times. This authority, granted by the Legislature, is found in the Chapter 199, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DLNR works closely with the Department of Public Safety, the Department of the Attorney General, and the Honolulu Police Department to respond to illegal activities within the Palace complex. This coordinated response ensures that we will be able to pool our limited resources to address evolving threats to the Palace, State Archives and other areas of the Iolani Palace complex.

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