



SCR107 SD1/SR51 SD1
REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY TO CONVENE A SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON HAWAIIAN
HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

April 12, 2012

2:45 p.m.

Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SCR107/SR51, which would request the governor to convene a special task force on Hawaiian historical sites preservation.

Huliheʻe Palace, the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Washington Place, ʻIolani Palace, and Mauna ʻAla all play significant roles in Hawaiian history and culture as the venues for momentous events, and the locales where many priceless Hawaiian artifacts and ʻiwi remain protected and displayed. Unfortunately, these buildings, grounds, and artifacts are costly to maintain and to make accessible to the public. It is important to find a sustainable funding mechanism to support the preservation and perpetuation of these wahi pana, which are invaluable resources for kamaʻāina and visitors alike.

OHA urges the committee to PASS SCR107 SD1/SR51 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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TESTIMONY OF KIPPEN DE ALBA CHU

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Thursday, April 12, 2012
11:15 am

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Co-Chairs Galuteria and Fukunaga and members of the Joint Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify **in strong support** of these resolutions.

The establishment of a Senate Task Force to specifically look at funding for Hawaiian historical sites preservation recognizes our indigenous history and its importance in defining who we are today. Hawaii's uniquely complex artistic and cultural legacy from ancient times to the monarchy is enshrined in these historic sites.

For the purposes of consistency, we propose the following amendments in the "WHEREAS" clauses for your consideration:

- 1. WHEREAS, the Friends of 'Iolani Palace is statutorily designated as the State of Hawai'i Museum of Monarchy History; and**
- 2. WHEREAS, 'Iolani Palace is a National Historic Landmark, designated in 1962.**

The State's support of Hawaii's artistic and cultural heritage, and especially our indigenous culture, is key to our existence as the "Aloha State."

Mahalo.



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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

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Aloha members of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs, Economic Development and Technology and Ways and Means.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports this resolution that will create a special Task Force convened by the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Economic Development and Technology, whose members will include: the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, four members from the Senate, four from the House and one member each from the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Washington Place, Iolani Palace, Maua Ala and Hulihe`e Palace.

The purpose of the Special Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation will be to develop a plan to provide fiscal stability and a source of continuous funding for the Bishop Museum, Washington Place, Iolani Palace, Mauna Ala and Hulihee Palace.

We would hope that when wrestling with the mundane financial needs of these historic treasures, that the committee would maintain the essence and integrity of the sites that make them so precious to Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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