

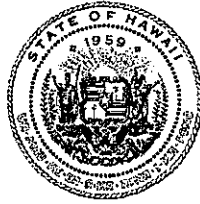
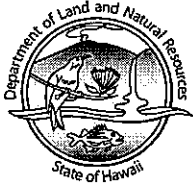
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SCR107 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION. HWN/EDT

<u>Testifier</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposes Amend.</u>
William Aila, Jr.	Department of Land and Natural Resources	Opposes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristen Faulkner	Historic Hawaii Foundation	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kippen De Alba Chu	Iolani Palace	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blair Collis	Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Friday, March 23, 2012
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 107/SENATE RESOLUTION 51
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL TASK
FORCE ON HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 107/Senate Resolution 51 requests the Governor to convene a special task force to develop a plan to provide fiscal stability and a source of continuous funding for the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace. While the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of these resolutions, the Department however does not support the creation of another task force.

The Department instead recommends that in order to create a dedicated funding source, the Legislature reconvene Conference Committee on Senate Bill 333, Senate Draft 3, House Draft 2, from the 2011 Legislative Session, which proposes to deposit one per cent (1%) of all state capitol improvement funds into the Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund (Fund) specifically for the operations of the Department's State Historic Preservation Division and the routine maintenance of Iolani Palace, Washington Place, the Bishop Museum, and Mauna Ala. The bill could be further amended in Conference to include Hulihe'e Palace.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

To: Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Sen. Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Sen. Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Sen. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Technology

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

Committee Date: Friday, March 23, 2012
2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Subject: **SCR 107/SR 51, REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in **support of SCR 107/SR 51**. This resolution would request the governor to convene a task force to develop a plan to provide fiscal stability and a source of continuous funding for the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace. HHF recommends that Mauna Ala, the Royal Mausoleum, also be added to the list of historic sites to be considered by the task force.

The historic, cultural and natural resources of Hawai'i are a great legacy and irreplaceable treasures. HHF strongly supports measures that lead to investments in Hawaii's historic places and that help keep their stories alive for present and future generations.

All of the historic properties are designated as significant historic resources. Bishop Museum and Hulihe'e Palace are designated on the national register of historic places, as is Mauna Ala; Washington Place and 'Iolani Palace are both National Historic Landmarks, the highest level of recognition for historic significance and integrity. Each of these sites is an important icon for Hawai'i residents and visitors, adding to the enjoyment, education, and understanding of Hawaii's history and inspiration for the future. Yet all of them face great financial stressors and challenges to preserve and restore the historic features, provide public programming, and continue the great legacy that is their kuleana.

The special task force would be charged with investigating methods by which a continuous source of funding for each of these sites could be found, and require a report to the legislature. The legislature would then have a framework for future policy and legislative actions that would provide much needed support for these significance historic properties. We support the effort to identify additional funding sources to help preserve, restore, enhance and celebrate these historic and cultural treasures.

Therefore, HHF recommends that SCR 107/SR 51 be approved.

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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.



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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 Governor's Special Task Force to specifically look at funding for Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace 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 four 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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