

# **HB 1227,**

# **HD 1**

# **Testimony**

Measure Title: RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE.

Report Title: Iolani Palace; DLNR; Historic Preservation

Description: Appropriates funds to DLNR to complete planned Phase I and Phase II of the Iolani Palace Grounds Master Plan. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB1227 HD1)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: WTL/TEC, WAM

Introducer(s): WARD, CARROLL, ING, Awana, Cullen

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Before the Senate Committees on  
WATER AND LAND  
and  
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

Thursday, March 21, 2013  
1:15 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1227, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE

House Bill 1227, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate unspecified amounts of funds in Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the implementation of capital improvement program (CIP) projects envisioned in Phases I and II of the 'Iolani Palace (Palace) grounds master plan. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this measure as it is consistent with the goals and objectives of returning the Palace grounds, as closely as possible, to the way they were during the Hawaiian Monarchy. **The Department supports this measure provided it does not otherwise adversely impact the priorities in the Administration's biennium budget request.**

The Department notes that, while it has jurisdiction of the Palace grounds, the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) is actually responsible for the maintenance. As some of the improvements envisioned in the master plan include more intricate landscaping, it is likely that staffing and operational funding for DAGS will need to be increased in order to maintain the grounds in a fashion befitting the Palace. As such, the Department defers to DAGS on what their funding needs would be.

For the Committee's information, the Department has been working with the Friends of 'Iolani Palace on a CIP project to refurbish the Palace grounds perimeter fence and wall. That project will go out to bid within the next few months.

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H.B. 1227, H.D.1

RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE

Chairs Solomon, Wakai and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 1227, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of H.B. 1227, H.D. 1, provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

An appropriation of \$225,000 in additional operating budget funding is necessary for the DAGS-Central Services Division (CSD) program that will be responsible for maintaining the landscaped areas of the Iolani Palace grounds. For this purpose, DAGS- CSD needs annual operating budget funding for four (4) additional staff positions (3 - Groundskeeper I; and 1 -

Groundskeeper II; Working Foreman) for a total wage and fringe package of \$185,000 per year.

An additional \$40,000 will be needed for equipment and supplies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



# IOLANI PALACE

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## TESTIMONY OF KIPPEN DE ALBA CHU

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COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

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### HB 1227 HD1

Chairs Solomon and Wakai, Vice Chairs Shimabukuro and Nishihara, and members of the Joint Committees, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

It has been a long term goal of The Friends of Iolani Palace to restore all eleven acres of the Palace grounds to what it looked like in 1892. An initial master plan was developed in 1981, and updated in early 2012. The plan contains three phases, all contingent on state funding.

Our current priority is contained in Phase I, which calls for the restoration and repair of the entire perimeter fencing, gates, and concrete walls which delineate the grounds. We have been working with DLNR's Division of State Parks to identify areas of primary concern and secure sufficient state CIP funds to address them.

Mahalo.



**Testimony of Robert Loy  
The Outdoor Circle  
HB 1227 HD1 Relating to Iolani Palace  
Senate Committee on Land and Water  
Senate Committee on Technology and The Arts  
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**RE: Strong Support for HB 1227 HD1**

We strongly support this legislation which calls for state funds to be used to restore the landscaping of Iolani Palace to the design that existed when the monarchy ended in 1892.

That means no parking meters, parking lots and other features that have been added over the past 120 years....including some of the well intentioned landscaping that did not exist at the palace prior to 1892—some of it even planted by The Outdoor Circle.

The Outdoor Circle has long played a role in protecting the beauty of the grounds of Iolani Palace. Over the years our organization and others have been involved in tree plantings, advocating for proper maintenance of the landscape and encouraging timely replacement plantings when necessary. We also have fought to keep out projects that were likely to harm the landscape and cause unsightly intrusions on the Palace grounds.

Yet, what is needed more than these efforts is a sustained commitment by the State of Hawaii to restore and properly maintain the historic landscape that existed at the Palace before the overthrow. This should happen out of respect for the Palace and the Hawaiian people and to ensure that what Palace visitors see and experience is an authentic representation of the history and beauty of this island treasure.

This legislation provides the funding for that work and The Outdoor Circle enthusiastically urges you to support it.