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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON
February 5, 2014

H.B. 2440

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA

Chair Takai and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 2440.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of H.B. 2440, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget, and provides the following comments:

1. DAGS-Public Works Division will need at least \$50,000 to implement design and construction work to relocate the existing Queen Lili'uokalani statue from the Hotel Street Mall side of the State Capitol building premises to the site of the Eternal Flame memorial on Beretania Street;
2. DAGS defers to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts regarding the cost to design, fabricate, and install eight (8) bronze plaques with bronze kahili behind the

Eternal Flame memorial on Beretania Street, as well as committee member reimbursements (travel costs) and overview administrative services associated with development of the report to the State Legislature; and

3. DAGS defers to DLNR-State Historic Preservation Division on matters relating to historical significance.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2440 RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE
CAPITOL AREA

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
& CULTURE AND THE ARTS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

February 5, 2014

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Committee members:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide **comments** on the concepts in House Bill 2440, Relating to the Hawaii State Capitol Area.

This measure designates the walkway behind the capitol building as Memorial Mall. Creates a working group to design bronze plaques and kahili to portray Hawaiian rulers to perpetuity and to interchange the Queen Lili'uokalani statue located on the grounds of the capitol building with the Eternal Flame memorial on Beretania street.

The State Office of Veterans Services appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Ho'onoho pono Working Group in order to research and discuss the origins of the memorials in question and the cause and effects of the proposal imbedded in this bill. Reviewing assessments from the State Historical Preservation Office and Hawaiian Culture experts along with public input will be important elements in developing traction for this initiative.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

February 5, 2014

SUBJECT: HB 2440 RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA

FROM: Allen K. Hoe

TESTIMONY FOR: Chair Representative K. Mark Takai, Vice Chair Representative Ken Ito and members of the Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts.

Aloha Chair Takai and members. My name is Allen K. Hoe, I am here today to speak in support of HB 2440.

Having carefully reviewed the proposal as advocated in the document Ho`onoho Pono and the historical significance of the grounds which is part of the Capitol District, I find much merit in the recommendations being suggested therein.

The proposal if adopted would certainly bring an added level of awareness on those things which are important to all of Hawaii's citizens, its "Ali'i, or Royal Lineage, its shining legacy of our cherished principles of democracy and equality and a continuing tribute to our young men and women who have sacrificed their lives in serve for Hawaii and our Nation.

I respectfully submit my testimony in support and urge the members of this committee to adopt the Ho`onoho Pono measure.

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February 4, 2014

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House Veterans, Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the Arts Committee (VMI)

Chair Mark Takai

Vice-Chair Ken Ito

Re: **Testimony In Support Of House Bill 2440**
Hearing: February 5, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Conference Room 312

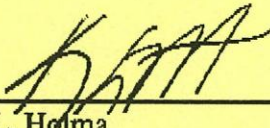
Dear VMI Committee, Chair Takai, and Vice-Chair Ito:

I am a partner with the law firm of Bays Lung Rose & Holma and am writing in support of HB2440.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need anything further. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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HB2440

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Testimony for VMI on Feb 5, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Kandagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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please count my vote in support of HB 2440

Aloha,
Denise Kekuna



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HOUSE BILL 2440 RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Wednesday, February 05, 2014; 8:30 a.m.; Room 312

Aloha Chairman Takai, Vice chair Ito and members of the Committee gathered to discuss HB 2440 that is titled **Re: to the Hawaii State Capitol Area**, but could also be entitled **Re: to the Relocation and Continued Dishonor of Queen Liliuokalani**. I am Soulee Stroud president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to say that we will not support moving the statue of Queen Liliuokalani across the street near the Eternal Flame.

Members of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs were involved in the planning and dedication of the Queen's statue. Gladys Brandt, a prominent member of the community and staunch civic club member was the chair of the commission. There was much discussion as to the placement of the statue, including whether it was proper for the Queen's back to be toward Iolani Palace.

Ultimately it was decided that she faced the Capitol leading her people into the future from "...the walkway behind the State Capitol, a quiet and peaceful oasis" and a "...place of reflection" to quote the words of HB 2440. **These are the exact same reasons the Statue Commission chose the current location, a quiet place conducive to appropriate chant and ritual on significant dates. A place to reflect on the Queen and history.**

This bill would move the statue to a noisy street next to bus stop where the Eternal Flame was dedicated years ago to honor Hawaii's military. We suggest that the area around the Eternal Flame should be spruced up and improved to include the military accoutrements suggested by HB 2440.

Further, the planned Hawaiian historical accoutrements cited in HB2440 should be added to the area around the statue of Queen Liliuokalani.

The AHCC holds the military veterans of Hawaii in highest esteem and many of our own members have served valiantly. Hawaii's veterans certainly deserve to have dedicated memorials added to those already in existence...but not by relocating the Queen's statue.

The painful memory of the Queen's humiliation and a nation stolen is extremely significant to Native Hawaiians, and her statue should not be moved around at the whim of the legislature using Hawaii's military and veterans as cover in HB2440. That is unnecessary and disrespectful.

The Committee's agenda for today cites nine other bills that will benefit veterans and Hawaii's military community that the AHCC does not dispute. Create more memorials to veterans, that's fine...just leave the Queen's statue alone. We will not support HB2440 and ask that the bill be held in committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF MARLENE LUM,
NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
BOARD PRESIDENT
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
& CULTURE AND ARTS

HOUSE BILL NO. 2440
Relating to the Hawaii State Capitol Area

February 5, 2014

Aloha:

My name is Marlene Lum, and as President of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, we would like to voice our **strong support** for House Bill No. 2440. The Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce represents nearly 180 members. In addition to strengthening Native Hawaiian businesses and professions, part of our mission is to advocate for our Native Hawaiian cultural values. This measure seeks to create a working group to interchange the location of the Queen Lili'uokalani statue with the Eternal Flame memorial and designate the walkway behind the capitol building as Memorial Mall. This measure would also instill the history of the Hawaiian Kingdom in perpetuity by placing the bronze plaques that depicts each of the former rulers of the Hawaiian Kingdom on the wall behind the current location of the Eternal Flame memorial.

We agree with the spirit of this bill and the formation of a working group to study this matter further. The Chamber looks forward to one day seeing the Queen's statue in an honored place reflecting her right as the last reigning monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii. This is a positive step in the right direction and we respectfully urge the committee to pass this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Marlene Lum
Board President
Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

Roxanne Kamalu

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HB2440

Submitted on: 2/4/2014

Testimony for VMI on Feb 5, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Campagna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the designation of the walkway behind the capitol building as Memorial Mall, creation of a working group to design bronze plaques and kahili to portray Hawaiian rulers in perpetuity and to interchange the Queen Liliuokalani statue located on the grounds of the capitol building with the Eternal Flame memorial on Beretania street.

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Committee: House Veterans, Military and International Affairs, Cultural and the Arts Committee

Date: February 5, 2014

Bill: Relating to the Hawaii State Capitol Area

Chairperson Takai and Vice Chairperson Ito, my name is Joan Lee Husted and I am strongly supporting HB 2440.

The creation of a memorial mall and the relocation of the Spirit of Lili'uokalani to the present location of the Eternal Flame and that memorial relocated to the new memorial mall makes both artistic and historical sense. It is amazing that this has not yet been accomplished. Having the Queen embrace the State Capitol with her back to Iolani Palace makes no historical sense. The addition of the bronze plaques of Hawaii's rulers and kahili to the new Spirit of Lili'uokalani location will remind citizens and visitor alike of the importance and the richness of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Hopefully, it will stimulate discussions to expand the awareness of the community.

In addition, creating a central location for all existing and future war memorials helps focus the community's and visitor's attention to the importance of their representation. It is an excellent use of the space which now is essentially a walkway.

Hopefully, this committee will support this bill and make this memorial mall and the special placement of the Spirit of Lili'uokalani a reality. Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

February 4, 2014

Representative Mark Takai

Chairman

House Veterans, Military & International Affairs and the Arts Committee

State Capitol Room 426

415 S. Beretania St.

Honolulu, Hi 96813

Re: Support of HB 2440 relating to the Hawaii State Capitol Area

Hearing date: February 5, 2014

Aloha Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the House Veterans, Military & International Affairs and the Arts Committee.

I am retired Vice Admiral Robert Kihune, U. S. Navy. I am currently on an extended trip in Northern California and apologize for this last minute submission by e-mail.

I strongly support the actions proposed in House Bill 2440.

I regret that I will not be able to attend the hearing.

Very respectfully,

Robert Kihune

House of Representatives, 27th Legislature, State of Hawai'i
Representative Mark Takai, Chair, VMI & Culture and the Arts
Representative Ken Ito, Vice Chair, VMI & Culture and the Arts

Email: repito@capitol.hawaii.gov

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014

Room: 312

Time: 8:30am – 12 noon

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Support HB 2440 "Relating to Designation of Memorial Mall and Relocation of Queen Liliuokalani Statue and Etermal Flame

Aloha Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and Committee Members:

PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB 2440 As a private member of the arts and cultural community of Hawai'i, I strongly urge you to support the designation of the walkway between the Capitol Building and 'Iolani Palace as Memorial Mall and to interchange the Queen Liliuokalani statue on the grounds of the Capitol Building with the Eternal Flame memorial on Beretania Street. In addition: Create a working group to design bronze plaques and kahili to portray Hawaiian rulers in perpetuity at the Beretania Street location.

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February 3, 2014

TO: Committee on House Veterans, Military, & International Affairs & Culture
and the Arts Committee (VMI)

Chair: Mark Takai
Vice-Chair: Ken Ito
Conference Room 312

RE: **House Bill #2440**

Sirs and Madams:

This letter will serve as testimony and support of House Bill #2440 by the Board of Directors of Washington Place Foundation as listed here.

We strongly support the following:

- "Special District" designation of the Hawai'i State Capitol grounds to include the entire length of Beretania Street fronting the Capitol.
- Designation of the makai walkway between the State Capitol and 'Iolani Palace as the Memorial Mall to focus on the military service and sacrifices of our men and women in a "united tribute." The first step would be to relocate the "Eternal Flame" to the location of Queen Lili'uokalani statue's current location.
- Portray our Hawaiian Ali'i in perpetuity by relocating the Queen Lili'uokalani statue to the Eternal Flame current location on Beretania Street. To also install a curved wall framing at the Queen's statue to create a place of honor for our Ali'i of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

The Foundation strongly believes in the adoption of the proposed bill, and stands with other organizations that represent and perpetuate the legacies of our Ali'i and to honor them in this permanent memorial.

Sincerely,

Louise Schubert
President
For the Board of Directors

Roxanne Kamalu

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Subject: House Bill #2440 - For Public Hearing Wed. Feb. 5, 2014 - 8:30A.M. - Conference Room #312

Aloha Hawaii State Representative K. Mark Takai, Chair, & Representative Ken Ito, Vice Chair, House Veterans, Military & International Affairs, & Culture Committee and the Arts Committee (VMI), and Committee Members.

My name is T. Phyllis Ku'u'ipo Zerbe, and I am a native Hawaiian born and educated in Hawaii.

I am in support of HB #2440 that will designate the walkway behind the Capitol Building as a Memorial Mall, create a working group to design bronze plaques and kahili to portray Hawaiian rulers in perpetuity and interchange the Queen Liliuokalani Statue located on the grounds of the Capitol Building with the Eternal Flame Memorial on Beretania Street.

Mahalo for your time and interest and concern for all that is Best for our Beloved Hawaii.

T. Phyllis Ku'u'ipo Zerbe.

Roxanne Kamalu

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HB2440

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Testimony for VMI on Feb 5, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have read HB2440 with disappointment. The statue of Queen Lili'uokalani is in the appropriate place and should not be moved. She stands as a reminder to all legislators that they are in the islands of Hawaii and that the nation of Hawaii never ceased to exist. Perhaps that is why they wish to move her - so they avoid having to look in her eyes? Lili'uokalani's statue has become a gathering place and symbol for many community groups, schools and individuals who come to the capitol, particularly Hawaiians. Like the Kamehameha statue one block makai, she faces the mountains, the clouds that form there, the source of water, the heavens. Unlike the Kamehameha statue which has become a gathering place for tourists to snap a picture, Lili'uokalani is a gathering place for her people and stands as a reminder to her people that the legislature has a responsibility to care for these islands. Putting up plaques doesn't honor the alii of the past; all it does is carve away another portion of the core historical structures of the Hawaiian nation for the tourists. One wonders if this is part of a larger intentional pattern. First was to limit the gathering of Hawaiians on the grounds of 'Iolani Palace in the last few years. Is this the next step? To remove them away from the seat of governance? There are many ways to silence a voice and nip away at the spirit of a community. Do not let this bill be part of that. Instead, save a lot of money and use the funding to educate the members of the legislature about the importance of the location of the Queen's statue right where it is. I ask respectfully that legislators oppose this bill.

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To be added to the written testimony of the AHCC in regards to:

HB2440 Relating to the Hawaii State Capitol Area

Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs & Culture and the
Arts

Wednesday, February 05, 2014; 8:30am; Room 312

In 1975, the Hawai'i State Legislature in Act 173:

Section 1 *"finds that the state capitol should exemplify and symbolize the character and spirit of Hawaii, its past, its present and its future. The legislature further finds that the representation of the monarchy in the state capital will bring to the people of the State, and our many visitors, increased awareness, and a **permanent reminder** of the people who played important roles in the development of Hawaii".*

Section 2 *"The Spirit of Liliuokalani ... to be placed for **permanent display** at the state capitol.*

It is clear in the language of Act 173, that the Spirit of Liliuokalani was to be a **permanent reminder and display at the state capitol.**

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February 5, 2014

Subject:
HB 2440 Relating to the Hawaii State Capitol Area

Testimony of Support Presented to:
Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts

Aloha, Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Committee.

My name is Momi Cazimero. I am here to speak in support of House Bill 2440 Relating to the Hawaii State Capitol Area.

“ETERNAL FLAME”

Relationships of physical structures are important, especially in a space as limited and as sought-after as the State Capitol. A step toward moving in that direction begins with the relocation of the “Eternal Flame” which honors men and women who served in the Armed Forces. Presently the “Eternal Flame” is situated across the Capitol entrance on Beretania Street and the Korean/Vietnam War Memorial along Richards Street. By relocating the “Eternal Flame” to where the statue of Queen Lili‘uokalani is now located and by designating the makai walkway as “Memorial Mall”, a relationship is established with the Korean/Vietnam War Memorial. This proximity focuses on the military service and sacrifices of our men and women in a “united tribute”. The area makai of the Capitol is more appropriate as a place of reflection because it is removed from demonstrations, sign waving and activities that assemble along Beretania Street. It is fitting and meaningful, therefore, to dedicate the makai walkway extending from Richards Street to Punchbowl as “Memorial Mall” with the “Eternal Flame” as its commemorative icon.

Poignantly, a Christmas tribute begins at the “Eternal Flame” where a candle is lit. The flame is cupped and carried back to the Korean/Vietnam War Memorial. There, in a midnight candle light ceremony, veterans come together to sing “Silent Night” in remembrance of those who did not come home. This Christmas tribute to fallen comrades has taken place every year since 1995 when the Memorial was dedicated.

“SPIRIT OF LILI‘UOKALANI” STATUE

At her current site, Queen Lili‘uokalani remains symbolically—deposed. The Queen stands behind ‘Iolani Palace, with her back toward the seat of government where she reigned as *Ali‘i*

of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Moreover, Lili'uokalani stands behind the Capitol of the government that evolved from the Territory of Hawai'i, which before that was the Republic that deposed her. That is UNjust.

The rightful place for the statue of Queen Lili'uokalani is at the current site of the "Eternal Flame." That site is fitting because she was born near the Queen's Medical Center and relocation will place her next to Washington Place that was her home, and near St. Andrews Cathedral where she attended church services. Further, she will face the Hawai'i State Capitol, the icon of her people's and Hawai'i's future. In part, that future was realized through her steadfast resolve, *'onipa 'a*, to protect her people by relinquishing her crown. The Queen's statue IS the embodiment of Lili'uokalani's spirit and deserves a rightful place of honor.

Further, to instill the history of the Hawaiian Kingdom in perpetuity—bronze plaques or a frieze capturing their essence and an account of each of the *Ali'i*—King Kamehameha I – Kamehameha II – Liholiho, Kamehameha III – Kauikeaouli, Kamehameha IV – Alexander Liholiho, Kamehameha V – Lot Kapuāiwa, King Lunalilo, King Kalākaua including Lili'uokalani— would be installed on the curved wall framing the Queen's statue. This will bring historic validation to *Nā Mō'ī Hawai'i*, Rulers of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Fitting artifacts in this *wahi pana*, or legacy site, are *kāhili*. *Kāhili* were feathered standards—symbols of rank that were displayed at ceremonial gatherings of chiefs and rulers and are exceptionally unique to Hawai'i. Portraying the majesty of Hawai'i's rulers attended by bronze *kāhili* will bear witness for all time of the sovereign nation of Hawai'i.

IN SUMMARY

Unifying symbolism and commemoration is very important.

The **Eternal Flame**, as an iconic monument of sacrifice and honor rightfully belongs in a **Memorial Mall**, that reveres those who served in the Armed Forces and also be located in proximity to the **Korean/Vietnam War Memorial** that honors those who died in service to our nation.

Equally vital, unifying symbols of Hawai'i in a *wahi pana*, or legacy site, will bring nobility to the ***Ali'i* of the Hawaiian Kingdom** and also restore **Queen Lili'uokalani** to a regal place of honor to reinstate her eminence in the history of Hawai'i. DOING SO WILL BE FOREVER—*PONO*.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of sharing my heartfelt passion that has become my life's mission.

Aloha,
Momi Cazimero

