

To: Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair Committee on Technology and the Arts

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Committee Date: Monday, April 1, 2013

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Conference Room 224

Subject: SCR29/SR10 Urging the Department of Accounting and General Services and

Hawai'i Tourism Authority to Choose a Location for, Build, and Operate an Informational Kiosk for the Public in the Historic District of Honolulu

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in <u>support of SCR 29/SR 10</u>, which encourages a mechanism by which to provide information about the historic sites within downtown

Honolulu.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF's 850 members and numerous additional supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

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.

The historic properties enumerated in the resolution are designated as significant historic sites. HHF supports the effort to help preserve, restore, enhance and celebrate these resources; to increase their accessibility; to provide financial resources for their stewardship and preservation; and to improve public education about Hawaii's history and cultures.

We suggest one technical amendment to the resolution. The official name of the subject area is the "Hawai'i Capital Historic District." This district was designated on the Hawai'i State Register of Historic Places and is roughly bounded by Beretania Street (including Washington Place and St. Andrew's Cathedral), Richards Street (including HISAM, YWCA, Hawaiian Electric), Queen Street (including the State Tax Office), Mission Lane/Kawaiaha'o Street, and Punchbowl Street.

We recommend that the title of the resolution reflect the official name of the historic district. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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