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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014
8:00 AM
State Capitol, Room 229**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1678
RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

House Bill 1678 proposes to alter the definition of historic property in Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) from “a property over fifty years old” to “a property over seventy-five years old.” It further clarifies that nothing in Chapter 6E, HRS, shall be construed to require review by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) of a private residence fifty or more year sold that has not been entered into or nominated by the owner of the residence for entry, onto the Hawaii Register of Historic Places (Hawaii Register). **The Department acknowledges the intent of this measure and recommends that it be held without action.**

House Bill 1678 addresses a real problem and a perceived problem, both of which the Department is committed to resolving. In 2013, the Department reviewed about 3,000 permit applications for architectural properties fifty years old or older. There is a common perception that the Department’s reviews routinely take far longer than they should. During 2013 on average those reviews took seventeen days, and the most common length for a review was five calendar days. Only a handful of reviews took the “months” described in SECTION 1 of House Bill 1678. Perception does not match reality.

The vast majority of those reviews were from properties that the Department regards as historic only because they meet the overly broad statutory definition, which makes any building over fifty years old historic. Most of those buildings for which permits were reviewed would not qualify for inclusion in the Hawaii Register. Even for homes that would qualify for inclusion in the Hawaii Register, many of the permits reviewed were for activities that would not affect the qualities of the building qualifying it for the Hawaii Register.

- The Department recognizes that many of these reviews, even though completed in a very timely fashion, are simply unnecessary and burden the homeowner, the counties, and the Department.

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- This bill shifts the burden of review into the future and interferes with the Department's efforts to take care of the issue substantively and permanently.
- Consideration of historic properties at fifty years is a widely accepted national standard.
- Creating a separation between Hawaii law and the federal framework of historic preservation would unnecessarily frustrate the Department's efforts to promote and provide access to historic tax credits and other historic preservation grants and incentives.
- Treating "residential properties" differently pursuant to Chapter 6E, HRS., will slow down the Department's efforts to streamline the review process.
- Further limiting review of properties through blanket adjustments such as this, guarantees that many of Hawaii's valuable heritage resources will be altered, damaged or destroyed.
- World War II, Statehood and the Plantation Era all occurred between 1939 and 1964. This bill would allow vestiges of these histories to be erased.
- Certain projects can have an effect on non-architectural properties. A blanket exclusion from review for properties built from 1939-1964 will almost certainly result in damage to archeological sites and disturbance of iwi kupuna.
- The problem of unnecessary reviews of permit applications arises from the fact that the Section 6E-2, HRS. defines any building more than fifty years old as a historic property.
- Senate Bill 2633 amends Section 6E-2, HRS, to require that the property be at least 50 years old and possess qualities that qualify it for inclusion in the Hawaii Register. The Department believes that this requirement would resolve the problem of unnecessary reviews while at the same time protecting Hawai'i's unique cultural and historic heritage.

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Testimony to the House Committee on Water and Land Wednesday, February 12, 2014

8:00 a.m.

State Capitol - Room 325

RE: H.B. 1678, Relating to Historical Preservation

Dear Chair Evans, Vice-Chari Lowen, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii has **concerns** with H.B. 1678, which provides that historic properties shall be over seventy-five years old. Provides that nothing in chapter 6E, HRS, shall be construed to require a review by the DLNR for residential property that has not been entered, or nominated by the owner of the residence for entry, onto the Hawaii register of historic places.

We understand the 50-year requirement is a Federal requirement pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA). In order to qualify for a listing on the National Register of Historic Places, your property needs to generally be at least 50-years old.

We recommend this Committee instead hear H.B. 2143, which would exempt single-family residences from SHPD review unless they are already listed as a historic structure. Please note that unless federal or state monies are involved in the alteration of a home, private homeowners are allowed to do as they please to their property. Therefore, H.B. 2143 will bring immediate relief to homeowners trying to obtain a building permit, as well as the construction industry.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our views.

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February 10, 2014

The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
and Members
House Committee on Water and Land
State Capitol, Room 425
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Evans and Members:

House Bill No. 1678, Relating to Historic Preservation

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) respectfully **supports** House Bill 1678, which provides that historic properties shall be over 75 years old and that nothing in chapter 6E, HRS, shall be construed to require a review by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) of a project that may affect residential property that has not been entered, or nominated by the owner of the residence for entry, onto the Hawaii Register of Historic Places.

Revising the definition of historic properties from those over 50 years old to those over 75 years old would reduce the number of capital improvement projects requiring Historic Preservation Division review and approval and would thus benefit capital improvement projects affecting properties between 50 and 75 years old.

The current law requires review by the DLNR Historic Preservation Division prior to the granting of permits for construction affecting historic properties, defined as any building, object, district, area, or site over 50 years old. This requirement has significantly delayed the granting of permits for many City and County of Honolulu capital improvement projects. Many City facilities have already become or will soon be 50 years old.

For these reasons, DDC respectfully **supports** House Bill 1678.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Takashige".

Chris Takashige, P.E., CCM
Director



TO: Representative Cindy Evans, Chair
Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair
Committee on Water & Land

Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawaii Foundation

Committee: Wednesday, February 12, 2014
8:00 a.m.
Conference Room 325

RE: HB 1678, Relating to Historic Preservation

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation (HHF), I am writing in **strong opposition to HB1678**. The bill would amend Hawai'i Revised Statutes §6E to revise the definition of historic property to those that are over seventy-five years old; and would exempt residential property from the historic preservation statutes and rules, except for those designated on the state register of historic places.

The historic and cultural resources of Hawai'i are a great legacy and irreplaceable treasures. The social, cultural, economic and architectural history of Hawai'i did not end in 1939. Indeed, Hawai'i experienced profound changes between 1939 and 1969, primarily from America's entry in World War II and resulting effects from that historic event. The territory emerged as the 50th state, and saw dramatic shifts in political, economic and social norms. Concurrently, Hawai'i's main industry transitioned from large-scale agriculture to tourism and military affairs.

The dramatic social and cultural history of the mid-twentieth century also catalyzed major changes in the built environment. As the built resources from this dynamic period attain greater significance and age, we are fortunate to have the ability to begin to understand the vast achievements in design, construction and planning from this rich age.

While only recently considered "historic," these places are as much a part of the Hawai'i experience and fabric as contributions of previous generations.

No less than other types of historic properties, the homes and neighborhoods of Hawai'i depict the architectural, social and economic history of the Islands. The natural beauty of Hawai'i is complemented by its neighborhoods, small towns, vernacular architecture, blend of indoor and outdoor design features, and other characteristics of the distinctive built environment of these islands. The houses of Hawai'i are a reflection of its physical setting and social history.

By summarily dismissing any property less than 75 years old from even considering and evaluating potential historic significance, and by exempting all residential property of any age from the same evaluation, HB1678 would inevitably lead to the destruction or damage to significant historic properties, and would be to the overall detriment of Hawaii's cultural heritage.

BACKGROUND

The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is mandated by Hawaii Revised Statutes §6E “to provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural property...” HRS §6E and its implementing rules and regulations are designed to provide a mechanism by which historic properties are identified, any effects from proposed projects are disclosed, and efforts may be made to avoid, minimize or mitigate those adverse effects.

Currently, HRS §6E-2, §6E-10 and §6E-42 require that prior to issuing any permit or land use approval for any project that affects a historic property, state and local jurisdictions shall refer the matter to the SHPD for review and comment. The referral applies to any property over 50 years old; SHPD's review then establishes whether the property has historic significance and integrity that would make it eligible for the state register of historic places. It is at this point SHPD generates the required comment response to the permitting agencies. If the property is deemed ineligible for the historic register, or if the project has no adverse effects, the process is complete; if the proposed project will lessen the historic integrity of the historic property, SHPD will request measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate the effect.

SECTION 1.

The preamble to the bill alleges that the historic preservation review process has delayed the granting of permits by “many months” and “has had a negative impact on the construction industry.”

However, the department's analysis of its response times indicates that in 2013, the State Historic Preservation Division review took 17 days on average, and the most common length for a review was five calendar days. This is a reasonable turnaround time for any government action, and well within the regulatory parameters.

The construction industry also alleges that historic preservation is a detriment to the industry. This is an extremely shortsighted and ill-informed assessment of the overall effect. National studies of the economic benefits of historic preservation have found¹:

- **Rehabilitation projects create jobs:** in a typical rehabilitation project, 60%-70% of the total cost is labor. Laborers are almost always hired locally, which supports the local economy, and is a direct and quantifiable benefit for the trades and construction industry.

¹ References:

Lahr, Michael L., David Listoken, et al. *Economic Impacts for Historic Preservation in Nebraska*. New Brunswick, New Jersey: Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, October 2007.

Mandala Research, LLC. “The Cultural and Heritage Travelers Study.” 2009

Rypkema, Donovan D. *The Economics of Historic Preservation: A Community Leader's Guide*. Washington DC: National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1994.

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Wichman, Wendy. *The Economic Benefits of State Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credits*. Honolulu, Hawai'i: Historic Hawai'i Foundation, 2008.

- **Rehabilitation costs are roughly the same as building new:** if no demolition is required, a major rehabilitation will cost between 12% less and 9% more than new construction. If demolition is included in the new construction costs, rehabilitation costs less by 3%-6%.
- **Historic destinations attract visitors:** cultural heritage travelers on average spend more (\$994 per trip vs. \$611) and travel more often (average 5 trips compared with slightly less than 4). This type of tourism both protects the culture and identity of a place, while also providing economic benefits for the host community.

SECTION 2.

The bill proposes a substantive change to the current definition of historic property to re-set the age limit to 75 years rather than the current 50 years.

The established definition in both state and federal law is based on a benchmark of 50 years. In addition, a “historic property” is usually defined as a property that qualifies for (or is “eligible” for) designation on the State or National Registers of Historic Places. This is the most frequently used standard to differentiate whether a property is “historic” or merely old.

Eligibility is a formal determination that is made by a qualified preservation professional that evaluates not only age, but also the historic significance or intrinsic qualities that describe the historic importance or value of a property; and its historic integrity.

The language in the proposed bill would be a serious and unwarranted redefining of what constitutes a historic property.

HHF recommends that a more responsible approach would be to determine historic properties using the established professional standards and criteria. A suggested amendment would be to revise HRS §6E-2 to read:

“Historic property” means any building, structure, object, district, area or site, including heiau and underwater site, which is over 50 years old and that meets the criteria for being entered into the state register of historic places. [new language is underscored].

This additional requirement would clarify that historic properties are those that have the qualities or historic significance and integrity, as well as age.

SECTION 3.

The proposed bill indicates concern with the volume of aging properties and how the historic preservation review process will be managed. There has also been discussion of the workload on the state and county agencies in processing the review and compliance actions.

As we are mindful of these concerns, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation also notes that the overriding public policy should be to evaluate proposed changes to the law not only for efficiency in pushing paper, but also in effectiveness in protecting historic properties.

From August to October 2013, HHF participated in a working group convened by the City & County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) to review and recommend improvements to the

historic preservation review process. DPP established the task force to review the current practices and recommend ways in which they could be improved. The task force included subcommittees on both architectural and archaeological resources. Members included SHPD, Historic Hawai'i Foundation, Land Use Research Foundation, Building Industry Association, American Institute of Architects Honolulu, American Planning Association Hawai'i, O'ahu Island Burial Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and preservation architecture firms.

The committee recommended improvements to the interface between the State and County systems and also substantive improvements for both response to individual cases and affirmative steps to address preservation issues more holistically.

Key recommendations formed by the committee included:

1. Track all permits by site identification (such as Tax Map Key Number) and not just permit type. Once SHPD has determined whether or not a particular property is or is not eligible for the historic register, future permits may be routed accordingly. Currently, DPP sends successive permit applications to SHPD for comment even after the State has determined that the property is not historic and has asked for no further review.
2. Determine a list of categorical exclusions that do not adversely affect historic properties and so do not require SHPD review. This list already includes such items as tenant finishes in commercial buildings, internal electrical rewiring, driveways and fences, and electric meters. The task force recommended expanding the list to any permitting action that would not have an adverse effect.
3. Determine best preservation practices for common rehabilitation or repairs and provide a checklist that would apply to those items. If the applicant meets the basic standards, no further review would be needed. This would apply primarily to exterior alterations that have the potential to affect the character of the historic property, such as solar panels, additions or enclosures, or changes to doors and windows.
4. Use Inventory and Survey projects to identify in advance those historic properties and districts that are most significant and should have special protections or treatment. This type of inventory and historic district designation has been neglected for several decades, so the official list of historic properties underrepresents certain property types. The group recommended a long-term project to conduct historic inventories, context studies and historic district designations to remedy the shortage.

The City and State could implement these recommendations via a Programmatic Agreement (PA) or Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) under existing state law, without further changes to either to Hawai'i Revised Statutes or Hawai'i Administrative Rules.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports these effective methods to preserve historic properties and provide for efficient government services without undue burden on property owners and other constituents. We strongly recommend that these administrative remedies be implemented and tested to see if they strike the proper balance.

CONCLUSION

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.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation opposes HB1678 and respectfully asks the committee to hold the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



Testimony to the House Committee on Water and Land
February 12, 2014

In Support of HB 1678, Relating to Historic Preservation

To: The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
The Honorable Nicole Lowen, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 75 Hawaii credit unions, representing approximately 804,000 credit union members across the state.

We are in support of HB 1678, Relating to Historic Preservation. This bill would change the definition of "historic property" from 50 to 75 years old. This would eliminate the need for a building permit review by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which would greatly reduce the burden on people whose houses are older. In Hawaii, many residences are older than 50 years old.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TO: Representative Cindy Evans, Chair
House Committee on Water & Land and
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Sara L. Collins, Ph.D., Legislative Chair
Society for Hawaiian Archaeology
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HEARING: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 8:00 AM in Conference Room 325

SUBJECT: Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 1678, Relating to Historic Preservation

I am Dr. Sara Collins, Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 150 members that include professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation in general. HB 1678 amends Chapter 6E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to redefine historic properties as being over seventy-five years old instead of fifty years, as the statute currently reads. The subject bill also provides that nothing in Chapter 6E-42, HRS, shall be construed to require a review by the DLNR for residential property that has not been entered, or nominated by the owner of the residence for entry, onto the Hawaii register of historic places.

For the following reasons, we oppose the proposed redefinition of historic property and the additional amendment of Chapter 6E-42, HRS that essentially eliminates any historic preservation review of projects proposed for private residences that are not listed or nominated for listing on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places (HRHP).

- Federal historic preservation law defines historic properties as being 50 years or older and this definition is standard. Hawai'i receives a significant amount of funding annually from the Federal government, in part for maintaining such standards. If Hawai'i were to change its definition of historic property, this might jeopardize its Federal funding, which currently supplies over half of the agency's annual budget.
- Requiring that only residences listed in the HRHP be considered under the historic preservation project review process reverses a decades-long trend of moving beyond constraints inherent in the HRHP nomination and listing process. This trend recognized that this limitation results in there being no opportunity to encourage owners to preserve and maintain, in this case, their historic residences and the neighborhoods these residences play a critical role in defining. Even relatively minor steps can sometimes be taken to help residences maintain their historic character and a very small percentage of these residences are ever proposed for listing.
- HB 1678 was apparently introduced in order to correct a perceived deficiency in the historic preservation review process that has resulted in "delayed the granting of permits for a period of many months, which has had a negative impact on the construction industry." In fact, the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) recently analyzed its 2013 review data and found that of the approximately 3,000 reviews of permit applications for residential properties 50 years or older, the average review time was 17 days, and SHPD completed many reviews in five days. Thus, it appears that the facts do not support the perception.

We understand the frustration experienced by the public if needed county or state permits are delayed and that this bill is an effort to address concerns expressed by the construction industry and affected homeowners. We believe these issues are primarily operational and are better addressed at the operational, not legislative, level. It is our understanding that SHPD and the relevant county agencies have been working actively on ways to expedite the historic preservation review process and to make this process more effective for all parties. We believe this is the appropriate approach to addressing these concerns at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong opposition to HB 1678. It is a poorly worded bill that would create many more problems than it would solve. We respectfully ask that you hold this bill in committee and not pass it on further.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email address.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Water and Land and Committee on
Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 8:00 A.M.
Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 1678 RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Chairs Evans and Hanohano, and Vice Chairs Lowen and Cullen, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports the intent of HB 1678.**

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

We believe that this bill would help properties that are older than 50 years but less than 75 years of age. This is a step in the right direction to not just limit the amount of applications sent to SHPD but also for the owner of the historic building.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Pei	Hawaii Bankers Association	Support	No

Comments: My name is Edward Pei and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Bankers Association, a trade association representing eleven FDIC insured depository institutions operating in the State of Hawaii. We strongly support House Bill 1678, which will help to expedite the approval of building permits. So many of our residents and customers live in residential properties that are more than 50 years old and in need of repairs or renovations. Eliminating the need for DLNR review will hasten the approval of permits so that work can be commenced and completed expeditiously. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this bill and please let us know if we can provide any further information or comments.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose.

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**Testimony in Opposition to HOUSE BILL 1678
Relating to Historic Preservation Before the
House Committee On Water & Land, and the
House Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 8:00 A.M.
In Conference Room 325**

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen, Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents 3,800 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

H.B. 1678 provides that historic properties shall be over seventy-five years old. It also provides that nothing in chapter 6E, HRS, shall be construed to require a review by the DLNR for residential property that has not been entered, or nominated by the owner of the residence for entry, onto the Hawaii register of historic places.

This bill will negate efforts by veterans and other organizations like VFW to place Ewa Field and other World War II venues on the historic register of the State of Hawaii. There appears to be no valid reason to extend the period defining "historic property" from fifty to seventy-five years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition to H.B. 1678.

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Regina K. Hilo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do NOT change the calendar definition of Historic property to suit the construction industry. Preserve our history. I oppose this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cara Kimura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Historic properties are just one of our state's dwindling resources. Please do not enact legislation that will only help deplete it further. The construction industry will be just fine without this legislation.

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John Bond	Save Ewa Field	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose and will make every effort to support a national campaign from historians and veterans organizations to defeat this very bad and ill advised measure.

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John D. Bennett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the bill in its current form which describes a historic property as being over seventy-five years old age. I favor a change to describe a historic property as being over seventy years of age.

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Ralph E. Burr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. Let's leave "historic" classifications alone and consistent with Federal.

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John Kobelansky Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Never should this bill be allowed to further construction interests! Historic lands must be preserved at all cost! What kind of legacy are we going to leave behind for our keiki? Condos and High rises? Come on.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is a dead giveaway to the construction industry. If passed, it will negate World War II sites, some of which will not meet the 75 year old criteria. Why is it that in Europe instead of destroying sites, they rehabilitate them, but we in Hawaii believe in built in obsolescence. We want people to remember history, not forget it. History repeats itself, and destroying it means bad things can happen over and over again. You should take a field trip to the movies, to see The Monuments Men, and also read the book, to realize how important it is to save, not destroy. These sites under 75 years old are part of our history, and should be treasured, not vandalized by this bill. lynne matusow 60 n. beretania, #1804 honolulu, hi 96817 531-4260

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BEN TRAN	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I, Ben Tran, oppose Bill HB1678 as it try to take away too many important historical properties status in Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Miyashiro	Kaka'ako United	Comments Only	No

Comments: We oppose as a matter of principle and the degradation of our history and culture that makes us Hawaii. This bill if passed would mean that ALL WW-II sites, such as Ewa Field, attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, would NOT MEET the State Preservation Law criteria. This bill should be filed. Mahalo.

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Brad Hayes	Naval Air Museum Barbers Point	Oppose	No

Comments: The Naval Air Museum is opposed to this bill due to the fact that many current WW2 sites are not eligible for protection or oversight.

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