



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 19, 2014

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2611. My name is Kevin R. Kuroda, House Sergeant At Arms.

House Bill 2611 amends Chapter 6E by adding a new section establishing the State Capitol Management Committee to oversee the financing and governance of the State Capitol and its grounds and facilities.

Three brief points in Support:

- 1) Currently the capitol is listed as one of 23 facilities under the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). DAGS has been for the most part responsive and supportive to legislative requests, however it is at times challenging to improve operations and security as we are constricted by the DAGS administrative rules.
- 2) The legislature occupies 75% of the capitol building and is a separate and independent branch of government. The legislature should have direct input on the capitol governance and operations as it affects them.
- 3) Establishment of The State Capitol Management Committee should improve efficiencies among the agencies providing services to the capitol and the building occupants. The Committee would also ensure adequate funding is recommended to necessitate services.

I'm available for questions, thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCE  
ON  
February 19, 2014

H.B. 2611

RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 2611.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of H.B. 2611 and will work collaboratively with all interested parties to effectuate the purpose of this measure.

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



# HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION



**To:** Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance

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

**Committee Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014  
10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 308

**Subject:** **HB 2611, Relating to the State Capitol**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing with **comments on HB 2611, with recommended amendments**. The bill would establish a State Capitol management committee to oversee the financing and governance of the state capitol and its grounds and facilities.

The preamble articulates the historic significance of the Capitol and how its design and architecture depict Hawai'i's unique spirit and history. The Capitol and the grounds were designated on the State Register of Historic Places in 1976; the building and grounds are the centerpiece of the Hawai'i Capital Historic District.

While Historic Hawai'i Foundation does not take a position on the most appropriate mechanism for the State to provide a proper financing and governance structure, we agree with the intent to ensure that the facilities and grounds are secure, properly maintained and operated in a manner that meets the needs and expectations of the general public.

HHF recommends that the bill be amended to include:

1. HRS 6E(b)(8): The membership of the management committee shall include at least one member with education and experience in the preservation of historic buildings, and who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards for historic architect or architectural historian (see Federal Register Vol. 62, No. 119, p. 33719, 1997).
2. HRS 6E(f)(2): The duties and responsibilities of the management committee shall include "develop and recommend...the appearance and operation of the state capitol and its grounds and facilities in accordance with the standards and guidelines for the treatment of historic properties." [new language is underscored].
3. HRS 6E(f)(5): The duties and responsibilities of the management committee shall be to develop and recommend a comprehensive plan for the state capitol, including a policy for design and

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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.



location related to new memorials, art, or permanent installations to memorialize events or persons important to the community's history in a way that does not compromise the integrity of this important historic site through random or haphazard installations.

We respectfully ask that the committee consider these amendments as a means to make explicit the proposed management committee's responsibility to ensure that the historic significance of the Capitol is taken into account during planning, financing, construction, repair and operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2611  
RELATING TO THE STATE CAPITOL

by

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House Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 19, 2014; 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** on HB2611, which will create one management committee to oversee the maintenance, security and operational needs of the State Capitol. The committee, consisting of all the stakeholders at the State Capitol complex, is necessary to properly analyze, prioritize, and oversee the myriad of issues that must be resolved to preserve the legacy and historic significance of the building and its unique role in Hawaii's democratic process. This bill also creates one management authority that's needed to develop integrated policies and procedures, emergency response plans, and updated security measures to ensure the safety of the public, staff, and legislators, while ensuring that all stakeholders are directly involved in a collaborative decision making effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.