

SB 2505

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEES
ON
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
February 13, 2014

S.B. 2505

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA

Chairs Wakai, Shimabukuro, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 2505.

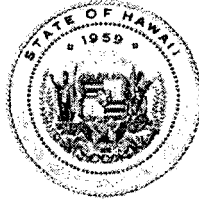
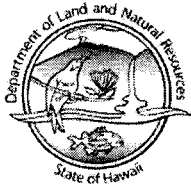
The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of S.B. 2505, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget, and provides the following comments:

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.

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
and
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, February 13, 2014
1:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2505
RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA**

Senate Bill 2505 proposes to designate the walkway behind the capitol building as Memorial Mall and create a working group to design bronze plaques and kahili to portray Hawaiian rulers in perpetuity and to interchange the Eternal Flame and the statute of Queen Lili'uokalani. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Capitol Historic District (District) is one of the most important and inspiring reminders of the rich and unique heritage of Hawai'i.

- The Memorial Mall represents a potentially significant change to the District.
- Depending on the design decisions made, the Memorial Mall could either enhance the look, feel, and experience of the District or detract from it.
- Accordingly, the Department recommends that the design of the Memorial Mall, location of plaques and kahili, as well as the interchange of the Eternal Flame and the statute Queen Lili'uokalani be accomplished in the context of a master plan for the entire District.
- The Department recommends that the "working group" be redesignated as the Capitol Historic District Master Planning Group (Planning Group).
- The Planning Group should be charged with development of a master plan for the entire District.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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- The Planning Group should also be specifically charged with incorporating the design for the Memorial Mall into the District Master Plan.



SB2505
RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA
Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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Room 414

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** on SB2505, which designates the walkway behind the Capitol building as Memorial Mall and creates a working group to portray Hawaiian rulers in perpetuity and interchange the locations of the Queen Lili'uokalani statue on Capitol grounds and the Eternal Flame Memorial on Beretania Street.

Queen Lili'uokalani is a prominent figure in Hawaiian history as the last reigning Hawaiian monarch. The statue of her likeness, which currently rests between 'Iolani Palace and the Capitol, stands as a beloved reminder of the ha'aha'a, pono, and aloha 'āina embodied by our last queen.

OHA appreciates the intent of this bill to bring the memory of the Queen's to greater prominence by moving it to the more visible site where the Eternal Flame Memorial now sits on Beretania Street. However, much of the Hawaiian community have expressed concerns over this proposal. The original site for the statue was selected by a jury commission of many prominent and trusted leaders of the Hawaiian community including former OHA trustee Gladys Ainoa Brandt and many other Hawaiian historians, cultural practitioners, and scholars. Any consideration about modifications to this important monument must first entail full consultation with the Hawaiian community. The opinions of those in the Native Hawaiian community should have the greatest weight in these discussions to give our Queen's statue the respect it deserves.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

Momi Cazimero

February 13, 2014

Subject:
SB 2505 Relating to the Hawaii State Capitol Area

Testimony of Support Presented to:
Committees on Technology and the Arts, and Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha, Chair Wakai, Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committees.

My name is Momi Cazimero. I am here to speak in support of Senate Bill 2505 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

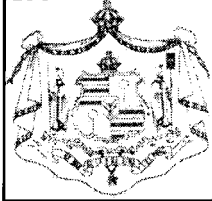
Unifying symbolism and commemoration is very important.

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



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SENATE JOINT COMMITTEES ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS and HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SB 2505 RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA

Thursday, 2/13/14; 1:45pm; Room 414

Aloha Chairman Wakai and Madam Chair Shimabukuro and members of the joint committee on Technology and the Arts and Hawaiian Affairs. Aloha also to Vice chairs Nishihara and Hee and members of the committees here today. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs with sixty eight affiliate clubs in sixteen states on the continent as well as in every county of Hawaii. We do not support this bill that calls for the relocation of the Statue of Queen Liliuokalani.

The first civic club was founded as an advocacy group by Prince Kuhio and other prominent Native Hawaiians in 1918. That first club – the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu thrives and will celebrate its 96th anniversary this year. We are an organization with deep roots in Hawaii and take our role as Native Hawaiian advocates very seriously.

Members of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs were leaders 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 jury commission. Vice chair Myron Pinky Thompson was another committed civic club member. Attached to this testimony is a list of the jury commission members and a very short bio of who they were which explains very briefly why they were asked to serve.

The commissioners appointed were movers and shakers in the community, a balance of educators, historians, authors, artists and cultural practitioners. Each one of the commissioners was a respected individual – perhaps not very well known to this generation of legislators, but rest assured we all benefit from their legacies. It's important to note that the jury commission's decision to place the statue of Queen Liliuokalani where it is now was the

result of assessing all the options available...and the area near the Eternal Flame was considered. There was discussion as to the placement of the statue, and was it 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. Section 1 of Senate bill 2505 provides the exact same reasons that the statue is located where it is "...the walkway behind the State Capitol, a quiet and peaceful oasis" and a "...place of reflection." It is a quiet place, conducive to appropriate chant and ritual at significant times. It is a place to reflect on the Queen and her history. A place where offerings of lei and flowers are frequently found at her feet when people come to reflect.

This bill would move the statue to a noisy street next to a bus stop where the Eternal Flame was dedicated years ago to honor Hawaii's military. We suggest that the area around the Eternal Flame deserves to be improved to include the suggestions in the bill. Further, perhaps the planned Hawaiian historical suggestions cited in the bill should be added to the mall 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 more dedicated memorials added to those already in existence...but not by moving 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 at the whim of the legislature using Hawaii's military and veterans as cover. That is unnecessary and disrespectful to the veterans...their heroism need not hide behind the Queen's skirts.

The creation of another "working group" to second guess the work of the original jury commission is also unnecessary. We urge you to study the list of the jury commission members and ponder on whether the deliberate, collective wisdom of such honored and respected kupuna deserves to be set aside. We think not. We urge you to leave the statue where it is and hold this bill in committee. Mahalo.

See attachment

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Queen Liliuokalani Jury Commission Members – These are the people who deliberated on all aspects of the Liliuokalani Statue. They are highly respected members of the general community as well as Hawaiian cultural experts without equal and represent a broad spectrum of expertise and opinion. Most have passed on but the legacies that they left us are still deeply honored. They considered all options and as a collective group decided on the current location for the statue.

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Gladys Ainoa Brandt, Chair - Principal at Kamehameha School; Chair, Board of Regents, University of Hawaii; Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Founder, Hui Hanai support group for Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center; advisor to Governors & Senator Inouye

Myron Pinky Thompson, Vice chair - Executive Director, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center; Bishop Estate Trustee; confidant of Governor Burns and Senator Daniel Inouye

Alfred Preis, Secretary - Noted architect, designed Arizona memorial

Don Aanavi – Rev. Deacon, author, retired art professor, UH-Hilo

Richard Kekuni Blaisdell – Physician, Activist for Hawaiian rights

Joseph Feher – artist, illustrator, mapmaker, author of “Pictorial History of Hawaii”

Robert Gahrn – Executive Director, Kauai Museum, historian

John Dominis Holt – Historian, author, publisher of Hawaiian books

Pauline Nawahine King – Professor, UH; editor for UH Press publications

Poomaikelani Kawananakoa – Campbell Estate heir, Hawaiian nobility

Gard Kealoha – historian, editor/publisher Alu Like newsletter

Kenneth Kingrey – UH art professor

Virginia Dominis Koch – descendant of John Dominis, born at Washington Place

Alfons Korn – UH professor, author of Hawaiian history books

Clorinda Low Lucas – chair, Queen Liliuokalani Trust; established QLT children's ctrs

Barbara Meheula- garden and native plant expert

Lokalia Montgomery- legendary hula and chant master, teacher of teachers

Alice Namakelua- traditional musician, composer, recording artist

Richard Paglinawan – Hawaiian cultural writer, lecturer, practitioner

Abraham Piianaia – author, educator, explorer, mariner, keeper of traditions

Tadashi Sato – painter, muralist created famous mosaic in Capitol Rotunda

William K. Sproat – Kohala historian, story teller, cultural practitioner

Murray Turnbull – dean of Arts & Sciences at UH, planner for E-W Center

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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Testimony for SB2505

February 13, 2014 at 1:45 pm  
Public Hearing for TEC/HAW Committees

To: Senator Shimabukuro  
Senator Hee  
Senator Wakai  
Senator Nishihara

Subject: Support of SB2505

I am writing on behalf of Aha Wahine, a Hawaiian organization whose main mission is to support and uplift Hawaiian women's spirituality and well being. We strongly support this bill.

There have been objections from the Civic Club community and though their objections are valid, the purpose of moving Liliuokalani's statue across the street at the present eternal flame has a more profound meaning from a cultural sense.

- 1) At present, the Queen is facing away from her seat of authority rather than facing it. It was probably an oversight on those who made the decision back in time. They wished to honor our Queen but did not look at the appropriate measures in which to do so. There is a chance today to undo that decision and to finally make her position in the heart of Honolulu a place of visibility. She would once again be facing her beloved palace instead of turning her back to it.
- 2) She would be visible by more people than at the present site. Also, she would be next to her home, Washington Place.
- 3) I do not see any difficulty in performing appropriate offerings of oli or makana to her if she were relocated.

Often times, appropriateness is not given from a Hawaiian sense but rather from a filtered lens of Western thought processes. As a Hawaiian, I look at the entire motive, then make my decision based upon a Hawaiian thought process. The bill as presented would give a honored place once more to a beloved Queen.

The Memorial Lane would indeed then be a place for remembering our past and also those who have given their lives for our nation. To dedicate the entire walkway in their honor would be culturally pono. By the same token, relocating our Queen to a place of high visibility and honor would also be pono.

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Kaleo Paik, President

**Karen Dang**

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| Submitted By | Organization                                      | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Regina       | papa hula 'o pu'uloa 'o Leeward Community College | Oppose             | No                 |

Comments: On behalf of Papa Hula 'O Pu'uloa 'O Leeward Community College, I am writing to say we oppose bill 2505. That the walkway should be a dedication to the Hawaiian Kingdom and not to military personnel as the military have enough locations to be honored such as the entire Punchbowl crater memorial and Arizona memorial and much more!!!.

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Committee on Technology and the Arts

And Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

SB 2505

Chair Wakai and Chair Shimabukuro, my name is Joan Lee Husted and I am in strong support of SB 2505.

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.

## Karen Dang

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Blaine Fergerstrom  | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: Please do not move our Queen Lili'uokalani. There is no compelling reason to move her, nor to move the military memorials. (I am a veteran, served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.) The current placement of the Vietnam and Korean war memorials has them behind some bushes on the Richards St. side of the Capitol. You might consider moving them across Beretania Street near the Eternal Flame, actually. People might see them, there. Do not move the Queen farther from her seat of power and especially, do not, again, introduce U.S. military forces between her and her 'Iolani Palace. While you are at it, however, if you wish to change the end-date of her reign to 1917, instead of the 1893 as listed on her statue's base, you might get some support. And please remove the U.S. flag from Washington Place, as a sign of respect and in the spirit of the 1993 Apology Resolution.

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| mark swearingen     | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: the spirit of queen lili'u is the spirit of peace. the spirit of the US war machine is that of death and destruction! once again the battle between peace and war appears at the steps of iolani. why? to remind hawaiians that there isn't going to be any sovereignty? KILL THE BILL! in my humble opinion, this is nothing more than a symbolic slap to kanaka maoli and the lahui. history repeats itself. onipa'a na ku'e! maleko mark swearingen

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February 13, 2014

**SUBJECT: SB 2505 RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA**

**FROM:** Allen K. Hoe

**TESTIMONY BEFORE: Joint Senate Committees on Technology and the Arts & Hawaiian Affairs.** Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Senator Clarence Nishihara and members of the Committee on Technology and the Arts; Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Senator Clayton Hee and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Aloha Chair Wakai, Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Joint Committees. My name is Allen K. Hoe, I would like to offer my mana`o in support of SB 2505.

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. When one takes the time to review the records which document the administrative process which ultimately resulted in the Statute of the Queen being installed in it's current location, one can not help but conclude that the decision was based more upon convenience rather than one of cultural and historical significance and symbolism.

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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| Juanita Kawamoto Brown | Individual          | Oppose                    | Yes                       |

Comments: Ho'ohilahila! My Ohana is very saddened and disturbed at the lack of respect and sensitivity involving the purpose of this bill. The Hawaiian community was not included in the House version and if not for the Senate we wouldn't even have a voice! Please do not pas bad legislation. Do not pass this bill in its current form. Our Queen Lili'uokalani deserves better than to be shifted around like a piece of furniture! It is shameful and disrespectful to ignore the many voices to properly handle such an important endeavor! It is shameful for Hawaiians and veterans who are left unaware.

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| ROBERT KAKALIA      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support SB2505 as a measure to advance our Native Hawaiian history, culture and political stance. This measure will further bring into the light the plight of our people and our desire to continue to strengthen our ties to our past. This measure will allow for a greater awareness and presence which will both be enjoyed and viewed by a larger audience. Now as She stands hidden from view She will be joined by her predecessors in full view to gaze and exude their mana upon our current seat of government. Imua! Robert Kakalia

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| Anolani Hanohano    | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: I greatly oppose the move of the Queens statue. It should stay where it is because it belongs there. Why would you take the queen away from her house?

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| Charles Ice         | Individual          | Comments Only             | No                        |

Comments: Please stop militarizing our public spaces! The statue is there to remind anyone looking down from the Capitol and everyone who walks in from the Mall that the people are still waiting for justice with grace and dignity. We don't need more memorials to capitalist wars. Put the flame in with the memorials to vets - my brothers - along Richards. Now that's appropriate!

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| Diane Texidor       | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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| Kelea        | Individual   | Oppose             | No                 |

Comments: Please do not pass this bill. As a Native Hawaiian, I see having the queen's statue moved away from the palace and replaced instead by a symbol of the US military in the exact place where her statue now stands along with symbols of our monarchy lining the walk is like a PERFECT EVERLASTING SYMBOL of the day the troops landed in 1893 to take our monarchy prisoner and depose the queen. Carrying out such an act would only add to the ongoing sense that Hawaiian people have that the State of Hawaii has absolutely no remorse or care to reconcile the past with our people. This is not good for Hawaiians and this isn't good for the state. I strongly oppose this action in hopes of future reconciliation. In the future, I would hope that such redesigns that so clearly involve our people are carried out in partnership with us as a community - to show that there is a willingness by the state to respect our rights as a people to self-determination, especially our rights as a people to have some authority over the use of what to us is sacred symbology. Anything less only leads to conflict. Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

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| Mary Alice Ka'iulani Milham | Individual          | Oppose                    | Yes                       |

Comments: Queen Lili'uokalani's statue should not be moved to accommodate the Eternal Flame Statue. She belongs where she is, near to 'Iolani Palace where she is a powerful symbol to the Hawaiian people. To move her is disrespectful to her and to her supporters. Furthermore, it is very divisive to pit the public's patriotism to the US Military against their patriotism to Queen and Country this way. And to propose the placement of plaques with our ali'i smacks of placating. Furthermore, the bronze kahili, instead of actual statues of our ali'i, makes another statement of diminishing our ali'i beside symbols of ali'i. Leave Queen Lili'uokalani's statue where it is.

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**Ke Aupuni O Hawaii**  
**Ua mau ke Eā i ka 'Āina i ka Pono**  
*The Sovereignty of the Land is perpetuated in Righteousness*  
Box 62107 • Manoa Station • Manoa, O'ahu, Hawaiian Islands

**FEBUARY 13, 2014**

**JOINT HEARING of the SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS and the  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 2505 - RELATING TO STATE CAPITOL AREA**

CHAIRS WAKAI and SHIMABUKURO and COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Aloha. I offer this testimony today on behalf of the Cabinet Council of Ke Aupuni O Hawaii, comprised of nationals and residents of the sovereign, independent nation, Ko Hawaii Pae Aina.

We **OPPOSE SB 2505** to change the location of The Spirit of Lili'uokalani statue.

We believe that the exact location where the statue now resides is the place where it should be, keeping a watchful eye on the proceedings of the State of Hawaii and as an ever present reminder of the continuity of her kingdom.

The statue in its present position is exactly where it should be, with the Queen as the link between 'Iolani Palace, the building that served as the capitol of the Hawaiian Kingdom in the past, and the modern building, known as the State Capitol, that will serve as the Capitol of the Hawaiian Kingdom in the near future.

Malama pono,  
*Leon Siu*  
*Cabinet Council Member*  
*Ke Aupuni O Hawaii*  
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| Leimomi Khan        | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: Leave our queen where she is and leave the veterans memorial where it is. No harm has resulted of her location, as no harm has been experienced by the veterans memorial in its location. Let us not second guess the people who were involved in setting up both memorials. I feel rather confident that those involved in organizing and planning both memorials did their homework, especially respected educator, Auntie Gladys Brandt. There is no compelling reason to move either memorial. Even if the bill was well-intended, in fact, Native Hawaiians who still feel the pain of the overthrow of their queen, will resent that the exchange of location was with a military veterans memorial given the history of the overthrow of the Queen's governance. It was also painful to note that in the House, priority referral was given to the Veterans, Military and International Affairs Committee to hold a hearing, and that the Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committees were not even on the committee referral list. How ironic is that? Further, the Queen provides inspiration to her people when they visit the legislature. Having her statue across the street distances her especially when their voices are gathered in the rotunda of the capitol. Accordingly, thank you for holding this hearing today. Please do not support the relocation of Queen Lili'uokalani's statue.

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| Evern Williams      | Ka Lei Maile Alii Hawaiian Civic Club | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: Leave the Queen where she is. You can commission another likeness of her for your plan.

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| Puanani Rogers      | Ho`okipa Network -Kauai | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: I strongly oppose interchanging our Queen's statue with the Eternal Flame Memorial. That would be a very, very bad mistake. Please tell me why you are messing with perfection. I don't understand even a thought about its relocation. We need her to be there where it quiet and not busy with traffic and people so we may meditate, offer ho`okupu, pule and oil. It is a safer place for us to take our children to pay homage to our Ali`i as we tell them the history of her reign. PLEASE, LEAVE OUR ALI`I MO`I ALONE!

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In opposition to HB2440 & SB2505

Her Majesty Lili'uokalani began her reign as the Queen of the Hawaiian Islands after the tragic death of her brother, King Kalākaua in 1891. In 1893, a provisional government unseated her as Queen, and overthrew her kingdom. Two years later, she was imprisoned in the very Palace her brother built as a symbol of Hawai'i's seat at the international table of brotherhood; then the unjust annexation of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, to the United States of America.

Hawai'i State House Bill 2440 and Senate Bill 2505 seek to honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces that defended our country in various conflicts. While I am in complete support of honoring their valor and commitment, I am not in support of unseating our Queen, once again.

While the bronze statue of Queen Lili'uokalani is neither a living nor breathing object, and her royal remains are safely entombed at Mauna'ala, it represents *her* valor and commitment to and for the country *she* so cherished and fought to defend.

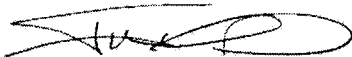
And while she may have been born near the current site of the Queen's Hospital, and lived at Washington Place, she *RULED* from the 'Iolani Palace. A move to the ma kai side of Beretania Street would further disconnect her from the primary symbol of the Hawaiian Kingdom, the Palace.

In addition to disconnecting her from the Palace, a move that far would disconnect her from the people who pay homage to her memory – kūpuna who come to leave flowers; a school group on a field trip to the Capitol; politicians and aides on their way to and from lunch. A reminder to all that pass through that mall that Hawai'i was and in the hearts of many, will always be her kingdom. Plus hundreds gather at her statue to celebrate her birth every September 2<sup>nd</sup>. How inconvenient if she is alone, facing the building that represents the government that evolved from the 1893 provisional government that overthrew hers and her ancestors kingdom.

Finally, the cost of moving such large monuments and erecting a third will be astronomical. As an active member of a Hawaiian royal society, I understand royal protocol and sentiment more than most. Yet I can only imagine the financial burden it will cause our state, through tax dollars to make such a move. Monies that could be used towards education, homelessness, infrastructure and any number of state improvement projects.

At the very least, if the statue of our last reigning Queen is meant to be moved, consider relocating it to the grounds of the 'Iolani Palace, where her spirit and memory and more closely attached than anywhere else in our Hawai'i nei.

Mahalo,



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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 13, 2014

1:45 p.m.

Room 414

### STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 2505

My name is Irwin K. Cockett. I am a retired United States Army Officer and later served in the Hawaii Army National Guard as an Instructor Pilot, State Aviation Officer, Chief of Staff and Assistant Adjutant General/Commanding General, Army. I also served as the Director, State Office of Veteran Services under Governor Cayetano and Governor Lingle.

As a veteran having served my Country and State over 36 years, I strongly support the purpose of SB 2505.

The Designation of the walkway behind the Capitol Building as a Memorial Mall and create a Ho'onoHo Pono working group to interchange the Eternal Flame Memorial with the Spirit of Queen Lili'uokalani statue and to create a monument respecting the former Hawaiian rulers to be placed with Queen Lili'uokalani's statue is a noble and *pono* quest.

Respectfully yours,  
Irwin K. Cockett