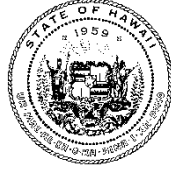


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TO THE
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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017
9:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 429

H.C.R. 71 and H.R. 37

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO DETERMINE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE KING KAMEHAMEHA THE GREAT STATUE IN NORTH KOHALA.

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.C.R. 71 and H.R. 37.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) appreciates the intent of the measure and offers the following comments for the committee's consideration.

1. The issue may not be easily unraveled. The measure proposes that DAGS meet with the County of Hawaii to determine "who is responsible for the maintenance of the statue." This would appear to be a question of legal ownership and title.
2. DAGS manages and maintains state facilities and properties as directed by executive order (E.O.) and statute, and not simply because they are state-owned assets. For example, DAGS maintains the King Kamehameha statue in front of Ali'iolani Hale pursuant to E.O. 541, preserves and protects Washington Place

pursuant to §26-6(h), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and manages and maintains the State Capitol building under E.O. 4236.

DAGS seeks to ensure that it is addressing and meeting its core responsibilities and that its budget priorities reflect those core obligations. If DAGS is to become responsible for the care and maintenance of the King Kamehameha statue in Kapa‘au, an E.O. or statutory authorization may be required, along with sufficient, sustainable funding.

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

HCR71

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Aloha Committee Chairs and Members,

Mahalo for allowing me to submit my testimony today. I am in overall support of this resolution. I do have some serious concerns that I believe you as legislators can rectify in future land swaps.

It is a crying shame that the state and the county of Hawai'i are not willing to accept kuleana for the care of this statue and it has fallen upon the community. I have had twenty four hours to think about this resolution. I have a few suggestions on this dilemma for future land exchange issues that may arise

1. I believe the benefits the state and county receive from the tourist industry from people visiting this particular statue that they both should pay equally to care for it. Yes that is how my mom resolved the keiki fighting over something issue.

2. In future land exchanges, that there is a transparent costs of maintaining locations by showing all monies spent over the previous 5 year period so the receiving end knows what to budget for. This will eliminate miscommunication and misunderstandings.

3. In future land exchanges, the current owner (in this case the state) and the new owner (the county) the current owner should pay half of the expenses of items like the statue for a minimum of 2 years. The current owner usually budgets expenses in two year increments and would allow new owner an opportunity to re-draw their budget to accommodate the new expenses.

Yes this is out of the box thinking. Hawai'i has been at the forefront of many new out of the box way of doing things. Please take this opportunity to expedite the findings and monies to care for King Kamehameha Nui's statue. I have every confidence you can handle it quickly so the community is not overwhelmed in raising the monies necessary.

Aloha, I am the lead maintenance for the Original Statue of Kamehameha in Kapaau. This icon of Hawaii is one of the most valuable sculptures in the State. Our community has always taken care and continues to be astounded that care of the second Statue from the same mold is cared for by the State and the Original is ignored. I have taken care since 1999 and we are a sponsored project under the non profit umbrella of the North Kohala Community Resource Center to allow for tax deductible donations and grants. Funders always question this situation. We almost annually contact the State Foundation on Culture and the arts who shut us down with the Statement that this invaluable Sculpture is not on their "list". Our community so loves our King and this sculpture that we will always feel privileged to take part in his care. However our funders are weary and no one can understand how this most significant sculpture in the State has no support from the State. Every tourist who comes to Hawaii island and North Kohala has this stop on their list! Please help us care for the Original and precious Statue. Mahalo-Sharon Hayden