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In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 1138  
RELATING TO THE IOLANI PALACE PARKING LOT

Senate Bill 1138 proposes to transfer jurisdiction and management of the parking lot surrounding Iolani Palace from the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department supports this measure.**

The Department executed a 25-year general lease with the Friends of Iolani Palace (FOIP) to manage and operate Iolani Palace, Iolani Palace Barracks (Hale Koa) and the Coronation Pavilion. FOIP is authorized to host events via special use permits to generate funding to support the management and maintenance costs of this unique and significant historic and cultural feature. The Department's Division of State Parks (DSP) regulates and manages the various special use activities and events of the adjacent four quadrants that comprise the grounds surrounding the buildings. DSP also administers and executes capital improvement projects (CIP) for the buildings and appurtenant structures. DAGS performs all of the grounds and tree maintenance functions and manages the parking areas surrounding the Palace.

DSP would reduce the parking footprint to add sanctity to the Palace experience and will seek additional funds to remove the current parking infrastructure and resurface the asphalt into a condition that is more aesthetically and historically appropriate for the ambiance of the Palace.

It is very encouraging and the Department deeply appreciates these measures to add value and more importantly, sustain one of the most iconic features in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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## Comments:

Making it clearer who has jurisdiction over areas of the Palace grounds seems like a positive idea. It will be interesting to see which events deem their presence or not around the Palace.