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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Thursday, February 21, 2019
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 504 SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE**

Senate Bill 504, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds for the repair, restoration, and maintenance of 'Iolani Palace's coronation pavilion, two pergolas, and fountain. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is in strong support of funding cost elements at 'Iolani Palace State Monument and offers the following comments supporting this measure.**

The Department executed a 25-year general lease with the Friends of 'Iolani Palace (Friends) to manage and operate 'Iolani Palace (Palace), 'Iolani Palace Barracks (Hale Koa) and the Coronation Pavilion (Keli'iponi Hale). The Friends are 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 Division of State Parks (Parks) regulates and manages the various special use activities and events of the adjacent four quadrants that comprise the grounds surrounding the buildings. Parks also administers and executes capital improvement projects (CIP) for the buildings and appurtenant structures. The last major CIP was for the restoration of the fence and walls surrounding the Palace. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) performs all of the grounds and tree maintenance functions and manages the parking areas surrounding the Palace.

In addition to the Coronation Pavilion, the Department has identified two additional CIP related improvement projects to sustain the historic character and protect public safety at 'Iolani Palace.

The Coronation Pavilion

This iconic feature was built for the coronation of King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi'olani on February 12, 1883. The pavilion was later moved from its original site near the King Street steps.

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More recently the Coronation Pavilion was used for the inauguration of the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i and via permit, for community and cultural events throughout the year.

The last major repair of the Coronation Pavilion was in 1983. Repairs since then have been minor and routine. The Friends recently began what they thought would be minor repairs to the Coronation Pavilion, however, the work exposed just how badly damaged parts of the structure are. This underscored the need for major repairs to the wooden and concrete elements of the structure.

The Pergolas

These are the two shelters with concrete pillars made from palm tree molds supporting shade plants with benches underneath.

These unique features appear on a 1930 map of the grounds so they are at least 90 years old. They may have been built at the same time as the fountain as part of the grounds beautification project in the early 1920s. The concrete pillars are spalling and the reinforced rebar is exposed and rusting – so in addition to losing historic resources – safety is jeopardized.

The Fountain

This feature was built sometime around 1920 or 1921 as part of the grounds beautification project. It was built at the site of an artesian well completed in 1883. The last major repair of the fountain was in 1984 and it has subsequently been shut down and needs repairs.

The Department is requesting funding to restore and repair the Coronation Pavilion, the two Pergolas and the Fountain.

Estimated Repair and Renovation Costs

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| Coronation Pavilion | |
| Planning, Design and Oversight | \$ 45,000 |
| Construction | \$300,000 |
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| Pergolas | |
| Planning, Design and Oversight | \$ 5,000 |
| Construction | \$100,000 |
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| Fountain | |
| Planning, Design and Oversight | \$ 5,000 |
| Construction | \$ 45,000 |
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| Planning, Design and Oversight | \$ 55,000 |
| Construction | <u>\$445,000</u> |
| TOTAL COST REPAIR | \$500,000 |

The Department deeply appreciates this measure to help sustain the integrity and historic character at one of Hawaii’s most iconic and culturally important features.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Comments:

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| cheryl | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

YES, please.