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**O'AHU ISLAND PARKS CONSERVANCY**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
Senate Conference Room 211  
9:30 AM

**Senate Bill 513, SD1**  
**Relating to the Department of Transportation**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

This is an urgent request for assistance in completion of the Aloha Tower Complex repair, rehabilitation and restoration of the Irwin Memorial Park irrigation infrastructure; replacement of historic shade canopy and palm trees destroyed by neglect and cutting to the ground, respectively; and restoration of the historic landscape in the greater public interest in accordance with HRS 206J-6 (c):

**Irwin Memorial Park shall be retained as a public park subject to the reservations and conditions set forth in the deed of Helene Irwin Fagan to the Territory of Hawaii.**

The Irwin Memorial Park rehabilitation and restoration plans have been completed, but the former DOT Harbors Deputy Director most unfortunately delayed the project for two years by not proceeding in a timely and efficient manner to ensure the safety, health and restoration of this historic Park landscape.

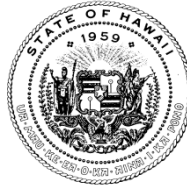
We are now appealing to you to restore the funding to see this through. Please add the necessary sum of \$1,235,250 to the Honolulu Harbors budget to complete this important restoration project.

With gratitude,

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 513, S.D.1, and offers comments, that appropriates funds for capital improvement projects for the Harbors division.

We respectfully request that provisions for Issuance of Bonds, other special and miscellaneous provisions be included to ensure Harbors Division can implement its Capital Improvement Program in the most efficient and effective manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.