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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
LABOR, CULTURE, AND THE ARTS**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
3:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 802  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

Senate Bill 802 proposes to appropriate funds for capital improvement projects at the Hilo office of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) State Historic Preservation Division's (Division) Hilo office, and for planning for a proposed new facility for the Division at the University of Hawaii Hilo. **The Department supports this measure.**

The Division's Hilo office has substantial deferred maintenance issues, which cannot be deferred any longer. The Division has attempted to handle maintenance from operating expenses, but has not been able to meet the need. The current maintenance and repair requirements far exceed the Division's budget. The requested funds will allow the Division to complete critical repairs, returning the office to a safe and productive status. The Division's Hilo office also stores the irreplaceable professional papers of Paul Rosendahl, a prominent archaeologist who worked throughout Hawaii and greater Polynesia. This collection represents an invaluable resource for the archaeology and history of Hawaii. This collection is partially housed in a warehouse that is no longer weathertight and beyond repair. As a stop-gap measure, it is being moved into a weathertight shipping container.

Senate Bill 802 also provides funds to continue planning and design of a new building for the Division's Hilo office. The Department has a written commitment from the University of Hawaii Hilo (University) to allow construction of the building on

campus. This new building will provide necessary space for Division staff daily operations, as well as an archive for the Rosendahl collection. This is also supports a larger cooperative effort between the Department and the University to develop a multi-disciplinary program that will produce graduates prepared to meet the requirements of employment in the Division. The Division has great difficulty recruiting qualified candidates for technical positions. Over time, the Division and the University expect this program will produce candidates that will increase the pool of individuals qualified to carry out this work. The new building will also make the invaluable Rosendahl collection available to scholars and consultants

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.