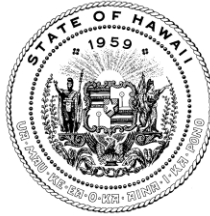


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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
and
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020
1:15PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2031
RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Senate Bill 2031 proposes to direct the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to place historical markers in the State to indicate significant sites in the life of President Barack Obama, the forty-fourth President of the United States of America. **The Department supports this measure.**

Senate Bill 2031 proposes to direct the Department to place historical markers at places significant to President Barack Obama, provided the owners of private property agree including, 6085 Kalaniana'ole Highway; Baskin-Robbins on King Street; Island Snow; Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children; Koko Crater Trail; Noelani Elementary School; Punahou Circle Apartments; Punahou School; and Sandy Beach. Senate Bill 2031 also proposes to appropriate a an unspecified amount to the Department to carry out this directive.

The Department believes that it is appropriate for the State of Hawaii to recognize places important to President Obama's youth and development in Hawaii and supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2020 8:04:31 PM

Testimony for LCA on 2/5/2020 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a nice sentiment but still not a good use of public funds considering crumbling infrastructure across the islands and budget concerns to address these. I think even the Obama family themselves when they visit would agree with the priority being for projects more for the public good. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Taniguchi and Kahele, and Esteemed Members of the Committees on Labor, Culture and the Arts, and Water and Land,

I am in support of Senate Bill 2031, as I have long maintained that our historical heritage in Hawaii includes the life of President Barack H. Obama, and that this heritage much be managed, interpreted through signage, and made available to the public. President Obama's life is of cultural, educational and recreational significance to Hawaii. The historic landscape of President Obama's early life includes a hospital, residential buildings, schools, and businesses, the latter of which may particularly benefit from increased visitation.

Please support SB2031. Thank you,

Dylan P. Armstrong