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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on
WATER, LAND & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
TOURISM & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Friday, March 13, 2020
11:15 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3011, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY**

Senate Bill 3011, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds for the purposes of restoration, repair, maintenance, operation, and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) groundskeeper for 'Iolani Palace. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.**

The Department has 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.

As with other state park units across the State, 'Iolani Palace has been subject to years of deferred maintenance and inadequate reinvestment and operational support. The FOIP has done a magnificent job of stewardship and providing programs with the limited resources at their disposal based on fees and donations. It is difficult to prioritize the list of deferred maintenance projects that are critically needed at 'Iolani Palace. However, this current list in the measure, if fully funded, will provide both the assurance of the physical integrity of many of the historical structural elements and improve the experience to the palace patrons in the years to come. Given the unique value as one of our most esteemed cultural assets, it is a moral imperative to redirect funds for the sustainability of 'Iolani Palace.

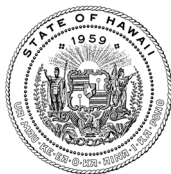
The Department supports \$2,335,000 in general funds for the repair, restoration, and maintenance of 'Iolani Palace which includes \$100,000 in general funds for a structural survey, an electrical survey and a five- to ten-year working plan for 'Iolani Palace and \$250,000 for

operations and maintenance provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.

The Department appreciates the reinvestment of one of the State's most valuable cultural assets. The appropriation of general funds would be designated for restoration and repairs and would assist with the FOIP list of high priority items.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND
TOURISM & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3011, S.D. 1

March 13, 2020
11:15 a.m.
Room 325

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 3011, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 1, appropriates funds for the restoration, repair, operation, and maintenance of Iolani Palace and designates the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) as the expending agency of the appropriation.

Page 2, lines 10-13 of the bill, specifies that appropriated funds shall be in addition to and not supplant any portion of the base budget of B&F for the State of Hawai'i Museum of Monarchy History (the official designation of the Friends of Iolani Palace pursuant to Chapter 6E-35, HRS). B&F would like to point out that although the department has an ongoing general fund subsidy for Bishop Museum, the department does not provide any support for Iolani Palace.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Statement of
CHRIS TATUM

Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

AND

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Friday, March 13, 2020
11:15 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room #325

In consideration of
SENATE BILL NO. 3011 SD1
RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Holt, and members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs and Committee on Tourism & International Affairs: the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** Senate Bill 3011 SD1, which appropriates funds for the purposes of restoration, repair, maintenance, operation, and one permanent full-time equivalent groundskeeper for 'Iolani Palace.

SB3011 SD1 would help 'Iolani Palace begin to address the many structural issues impacting this historic landmark that is now approaching more than 138 years since its construction was complete. Supporting this historical landmark with these funds and a permanent full-time groundskeeper will protect and preserve the Palace while also improving the overall experience for both visitors and residents. 'Iolani Palace, the only official royal residence in the U.S., is a National Historic Landmark that draws tens of thousands of visitors, which includes residents and non-residents, every year. Providing these additional resources will ultimately ensure that this incredibly important and culturally significant historic icon is preserved and protected for generations to come.

It is for these reasons that we offer our testimony in **support** of SB3011 SD1. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony.



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House Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs
House Committee on Tourism & International Affairs

Time: 11:15 a.m.
Date: March 13, 2020
Room: State Capitol Room 325

To: Chair Yamane, Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Todd, Vice Chair Holt, and Members of the Committees

RE: SB 3011, SD1, Relating to the State of Hawai'i Museum of Monarchy History

The listed organizations write in **SUPPORT** of SB3011, SD1, which appropriates funds for restoration, repair, maintenance, operation, and a permanent groundskeeper for 'Iolani Palace.

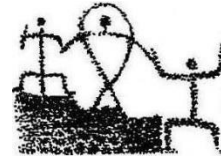
As the official residence of Hawai'i's last reigning monarchs, King David Kalākaua and Queen Lili'uokalani, and as the capitol building for the Republic, Territory, and eventually, the State of Hawai'i, 'Iolani Palace preserves a significant time in Hawai'i's past that inspires our modern national and cultural identity.

In allocating funds for the maintenance of this important historic site, we ensure that future generations can learn of our unique history and develop an understanding of who they are and where they come from. In doing so, we build meaningful connections between Hawai'i and its people, promoting aloha for our home and community.

State funds are necessary to ensuring the care, protection and preservation of this priceless historic site, which is of tremendous importance to Hawai'i's people. Accordingly, urge the Committees to **PASS** SB3011, SD1.



KA LEI PĀPAHI 'O KĀKUHIHEWA



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March 11, 2019

TO: Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs
Rep. Ryan Yamane and Rep. Chris Todd
Committee on Tourism and International Affairs
Rep. Richard H. K. Onishi and Rep. Daniel Holt

FROM: Keali'i Gora, President
Ka Lei Pāpahi 'O Kākuhihewa

RE: SB3011, SD 1 (SSCR 3142) Relating to the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy
History
Hearing: Friday, March 13, 2020-11:15 a.m., Conference Room 325

On behalf OF Ka Lei Pāpahi 'O Kākuhihewa , I am writing in **strong support** for SB3011,
SD 1, (SSCR 3143).

The Friends of Iolani Palace does not receive any financial subsidy from the State of Hawaii for operational support, therefore must rely solely on ticket and shop sales, donations, and special events held on the Palace grounds.

The Friends of Iolani Palace have identified a critical need to renovate the Palace roof and the Coronation Pavilion along with other much needed renovations.

Please consider according to DLNR, the last major repair of the Coronation Pavilion was in 1983 and minor repair work since then have exposed the need for major repairs to the wooden and concrete elements of the structure. Also noted was the need to upgrade the security of the Palace and its nearby buildings through the replacement of various doors and locks.

**We, Ka Lei Papahi O Kakuhihewa, STRONGLY testify on behalf SB 3011, SD 1 (SSCR 3143) to protect 'Iolani Palace, a very important and historical structure for the State of Hawaii. The monies need to be allocated this legislative session to do repairs timely.
Mahalo**



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**Testimony of
PAULA AKANA
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**Before the House Committees on
WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**Friday, March 13, 2020
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**In Consideration of SENATE BILL 3011 SD 1
RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY**

The Friends of Iolani Palace strongly supports SENATE BILL 3011 SD1.

This bill would provide much needed funding to make necessary repairs and maintenance to Iolani Palace. Iolani Palace is registered as a National Historic Landmark. It is the only royal residence on US soil. But more importantly, the Palace played a pivotal role in a poignant part of Hawaii's history.

The Friends of Iolani Palace have a long term lease with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources - State Parks Division to maintain and operate the Palace, the Barracks, Coronation Pavilion and the Kanaina Building (the old archives).

Our revenues come from ticket and gift shop sales, membership, donations and event venue fees. That is not enough to keep up with the maintenance and repairs on this 138 year old building.

This measure represents a solid start to address items in need of repair. It will allow us to have a structural and electrical survey done, so we can begin the journey of catching up on long deferred maintenance. This bill would also provide funding for our operations and maintenance, which is badly needed, especially now, as we feel the effects of COVID-19.

Our goal is to continue to be able to share this wahi pana and Hawaii's story with our residents as well as people from all around the world, for generations to come.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to comment. I humbly ask that you PASS SB3011 SD1.

Aloha,
Paula Akana

SB-3011-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 6:23:35 PM

Testimony for WLH on 3/13/2020 11:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3011 SD1. In allocating funds for the maintenance of this important historic site, we ensure that future generations can learn of our unique history and develop an understanding of who they are and where they come from. In doing so, we build meaningful connections between Hawai'i and its people, promoting aloha for our home and community.

State funds are necessary to ensure the care, protection, and preservation of this priceless historic site, which is of tremendous importance to Hawai'i's people.

Please pass SB3011 SD1.

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

Testimony of Mark T. Shklov in Support of Senate Bill 3011 SD1

My name is Mark T. Shklov. I am a Hawaii Lawyer and a Member of The Board of Directors of The Friends of Iolani Palace.

I submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 3011 SD1.

I know that there are many problems in the world today that affect how we view life and legislation. I know that there will always be problems that face Hawaii and the world. I believe that we must take care of the present problems, but we must also look to the future to sustain Hawaii.

If properly preserved and cared for, Iolani Palace can continue to be a source of hope and inspiration for everyone in Hawaii, and a symbol of Hawaii's Aloha Spirit and unique place in the World, which I believe was King Kalakaua's vision when he built Iolani Palace.

Senate Bill 3011 SD1 looks to the present and the future. It provides funds for repair, restoration, operations, and maintenance, and a full time groundskeeper for Iolani Palace, all of which support the Mission of The Friends of Iolani Palace, which is "to preserve, restore, interpret, share and celebrate the unique cultural, historical, and spiritual qualities of Iolani Palace and its grounds for the benefit of and to serve Native Hawaiians, the People of Hawaii, and the World".

Senate Bill 3011 SD1 would help The Friends of Iolani Palace continue King Kalakaua's vision and assure Iolani Palace's beneficiaries, the people of Hawaii and the World, that it will be standing for future generations.

Mahalo,

Mark T. Shklov

Testimony of
PONO SHIM
In Support of SB 3011 SD1
Relating to the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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Aloha Chair Yamane, Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Todd, Vice Chair Holt and Committee Members,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of SB 3011 SD1 which would provide \$2 million in funding to help repair and restore Iolani Palace, The State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History, and \$250,000 to help with its operations and maintenance.

I currently serve as part of the Executive Board of the Friends of Iolani Palace whose mission is to preserve, restore, and protect this wahi pana (celebrated place) for local residents and people from around the world. Iolani Palace opened its doors in 1882 and represents a pivotal point in the history of Hawaii. The funding provided through SB 3011 SD1 will help to ensure that this story is preserved and shared with Hawaii's visitors and our future generations.

SB3011 SD1 will help provide vital support as we continue our work to repair, restore and preserve this special place and its unique history and I encourage your support.

Mahalo,
Pono Shim

SB-3011-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 10:15:32 AM

Testimony for WLH on 3/13/2020 11:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawena Beupre	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I whole heartedly support Bill SB3011 as it would provide much needed funding to repair and maintain Iolani Palace - a National Historic Landmark, a visitor attraction, and the only royal residence in the United States. Even more importantly, Iolani Palace is a living symbol of a proud Hawaiian Nation and its stance in the world.

The deferred maintenance has built up, and there is so much that needs to be done. We must ensure that Iolani Palace is around for generations to come.