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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Tuesday, February 11, 2019
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

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

Senate Bill 3011 proposes to appropriate funds for the purposes of restoration, repair, maintenance, operation, and one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) groundskeeper for ʻIolani 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 ʻIolani Palace (FOIP) to manage and operate ʻIolani Palace, ʻIolani 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.

The Department's Division of State Parks (State Parks) regulates and manages the various special use activities and events of the adjacent four quadrants that comprise the grounds surrounding the buildings. DSP 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 – which had not been restored for over 100 years.

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.

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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. The Department, in consultation with DAGS, has determined that the current memorandum of agreement between the agencies can be amended to allow for state parks to subsume the maintenance of the Palace grounds with this groundskeeper. This would alleviate DAGS responsibility of all maintenance of Iolani Palace grounds and allow State Parks to regulate and maintain and continue to collaborate with FOIP in a more direct manner on management and maintenance. While State Parks is keenly interested in improving the repair and maintenance of the grounds of Iolani Palace, it is noteworthy that State Parks' other critically important asset, Mauna Ala (Royal Mausoleum) would also benefit from the occasional deployment of this position to support grounds maintenance there.

The Department recommends that the funds would be better appropriated to be expended by State Parks rather than expended by the Department of Budget and Finance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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Statement of
CHRIS TATUM

Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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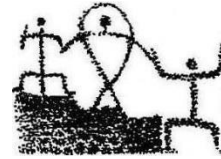
Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts: the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** Senate Bill 3011, which appropriates funds for the purposes of restoration, repair, maintenance, operation, and one permanent full-time equivalent groundskeeper for 'Iolani Palace.

SB3011 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. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony.



KA LEI PĀPAHI 'O KĀKUHIHEWA



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February 11, 2019

TO: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

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

RE: **SB3011** Iolani Palace; State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History and SB3017
Relating to State Parks
Hearing: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 3:00 pm in CR 224

On behalf OF Ka Lei Pāpahi 'O Kākuhihewa , I am writing in **strong support** for SB3011 and SB 3017.

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 and also testified on HB2209, which passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee on FIN from committee on WLH with NO ONE voting aye with reservations, NONE voting no (0) and 2 Representatives excused (2).

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 of both bills 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

SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 9:56:59 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/11/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha -

I am testifying in my personal capacity and as a board member of The Friends of Iolani Palace in support of SB 3011.

The mission of The Friends of Iolani Palace is to repair, restore and maintain this wahi pana, or sacred place. Also to share the story of a pivotal time in Hawaii history with our residents and the world.

With the Palace being 138 years old, the maintenance requirements have grown substantially and there is so much that needs to be done to ensure Iolani Palace remains a living symbol of a proud Hawaiian Nation and its stance in the world.

While the Palace does generate income through ticket and gift shop sales, donations, memberships and events, it is not enough and additional funding is needed for restoration and repair, as well as operations and maintenance.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3011.

Brian Kealoha

SB-3011

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 10:54:10 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/11/2020 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I whole heartedly support Senate Bill 3011 as it would provide much needed funding to help the Friends of Iolani Palace repair and restore Iolani Palace. The Palace represents a pivotal point in the history of Hawaii. A story that must be shared with not only visitors to Hawaii, but Hawaii and its future generations.

I believe SB3011 would help the Friends of Iolani Palace as they continue their work to repair, restore and maintain this special place and share its special and unique story.

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

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, which is the non-profit corporation whose Purpose 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”.

I submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 3011.

Senate Bill 3011 provides two million dollars in funding to help The Friends of Iolani Palace repair and restore Iolani Palace.

Senate Bill 3011 also provides \$250,000 to help with operations and maintenance of Iolani Palace.

This funding is vital to the preservation and promotion of an iconic symbol of Hawaii, which I believe was intended to be an affirmative statement of good will, friendship, and Hawaii’s place in the World.

I believe that King Kalakaua had a positive vision for Hawaii’s place in the world when he built Iolani Palace. I believe that King Kalakaua intended Iolani Palace to represent the Aloha Spirit and welcoming friendship of Hawaiian culture. Iolani Palace continues that vision today and it should be shared with visitors to Hawaii and kept alive for Hawaii’s future generations. All of the children of Hawaii deserve this beneficial historical and cultural resource as they grow up and interact with others in life.

Senate Bill 3011 would help the Friends of Iolani Palace continue King Kalakaua’s vision and their ongoing work to repair, restore, and maintain this special place and share its special and unique story.

Mahalo,

Mark T. Shklov

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

3:00 P.M.

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Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Committee Members,

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

Iolani Palace opened its doors in 1882 and represents a pivotal point in the history of Hawaii. The funding provided through SB 3011 will help to ensure that this story is preserved and shared with Hawaii's visitors and our future generations.

I also serve as part of the Executive Board of the Friends of Iolani Palace and SB3011 will help provide vital support as we continue our work to repair, restore and maintain this special place and its unique history.

Mahalo,



Pono Shim



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**Testimony of
PAULA AKANA
Executive Director**

**Before the Senate Committee on
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Aloha,

I am Paula Akana, executive director of The Friends of Iolani Palace.

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 3011.

Iolani Palace opened its doors in 1882. It is now 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. It has been designated the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History.

The mission of The Friends of Iolani Palace is to repair, restore and maintain this wahi pana, or sacred place. It is also to share the story of a pivotal time in Hawaii history with our residents and the world.

We do so only with money raised from ticket and gift shop sales, donations, memberships and events, but it is not enough. In the first 6 months of this fiscal year, we spent over \$100,000 on maintenance alone.

The deferred maintenance has built up. There is so much to be done and so much that needs to be repaired.

SB3011 would provide \$2,000,000 in funding for restoration and repair, as well as \$250,000 in funding for operations and maintenance.

The Friends of Iolani Palace believes this would be a huge help and a good beginning as we work with DLNR and others to make sure Iolani Palace is around for generations to come.

Aloha,
Paula Akana
Executive Director, The Friends of Iolani Palace



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Testimony of THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board of Directors of the Friends of Iolani Palace supports Senate Bill 3011.

SB3011 would provide two million dollars in funding to help The Friends with repairing and restoring Iolani Palace, The State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. It also provides \$250,000 to help with operations and maintenance.

Iolani Palace opened its doors in 1882. It represents a pivotal point in the history of Hawaii. It has a story that must be shared with not only visitors to Hawaii, but Hawaii and its future generations.

We believe SB3011 would help The Friends of Iolani Palace as they continue their work to repair, restore and maintain this special place and share its special and unique story.



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Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Date: February 11, 2020

Room: State Capitol Room 224

To: Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee

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

The listed organizations write in **SUPPORT** of SB3011, 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, we ask you to support this bill and urge the Committee to **PASS** SB3011.