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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 3017
RELATING TO STATE PARKS**

Senate Bill 3017 proposes to appropriate funds for the repair, restoration and maintenance of ʻIolani Palace and nearby structures located on palace grounds. **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 (DSP) 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.

The Department requests that the sum appropriated be expended by the Department.

The Division of State Parks (LNR806) administers and executes capital improvement projects (CIP) for the buildings and appurtenant structures. The appropriation in this measure is to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). DAGS responsibility is strictly limited to grounds maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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

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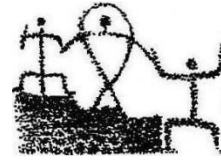
Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts: the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** Senate Bill 3017, which appropriates funds for the repair, restoration, and maintenance of 'Iolani Palace and surrounding grounds.

SB3017 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 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 HTA **supports** SB3017. 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-3017

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 10:00:08 AM

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| 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 3017.

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.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3017.

Brian Kealoha

SB-3017

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 10:55:56 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 3017 as it would provide much needed funding to help with the repair and restoration of Iolani Palace. Iolani Palace has been designated The State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. It is a National Historic Landmark, and the only royal residence in the United States.

The Friends of Iolani Palace depend on money raised from ticket and gift shop sales, donations, and events to pay for its operations and the repair and maintenance of this very special place.

The Friends needs and would appreciate this monetary help in working to make sure the Palace is standing for generations to come.

SB-3017

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 12:01:01 PM

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Richard Kennedy | Testifying for Friends of 'Iolani Palace | Support | No |

Comments:

I am Richard Kennedy, Ph.D., retired Center director at the Smithsonian Institution, now living in Honolulu and Board member of the Friends fo 'Iolani Palace. The Palace is a major cultural institution in Hawai'i and, as importantly, a symbol of the central place that Hawaiian people and Hawaiian history plays in these islands. Historically, it has been the source of diplomatic relations with countries around the world and, now, remains a critical and unique symbol of identity for many residents in the state.

As a retired employee of the Smithsonian, the National Museum of the United States, I know how critical government support has been for many museums that comprise this unique national symbol of American culture in Washington D.C. Every year, no matter which party is in power, generous, and usually increasing, support is given to this greatly loved institution. Similarly, the state must support the beloved 'Iolani Palace. SB 3017 will help fund much deferred maintenance, and will ensure the Palace will remain open as an educational and spiritual center of this state. Thank you

Testimony of Mark T. Shklov in Support of Senate Bill 3017

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”.

The Board of Directors of The Friends of Iolani Palace support Senate Bill 3017.

Senate Bill 3017 would provide much needed funding to help with the repair and restoration of Iolani Palace.

Iolani Palace has been designated The State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. It is a National Historic Landmark and the only royal residence in the United States. In short, I believe Iolani Palace is the symbol of Hawaii’s welcoming culture.

If Iolani Palace is properly preserved, restored, and protected, it can provide inspiration to Hawaii’s people, especially Hawaii’s youth, now and into the future. Iolani Palace is a unique asset that will continue contributing to the people of Hawaii and the world if it is appreciated and cared for.

The Friends of Iolani Palace depend on money raised from ticket and gift shop sales, donations, and events to pay for its operations and the repair and maintenance of this very special place. However, the immediate critical needs of repair and maintenance of Iolani Palace have not been and cannot be met by these sources of funds.

The Friends of Iolani Palace respectfully request the monetary assistance provided in Senate Bill 3017 to 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 SB3017
Relating to the State Parks

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.
Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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

Please accept this testimony in support Senate Bill 3017.

SB3017 would provide much needed funding to help with the repair and restoration of Iolani Palace, The State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. The Palace is a National Historic Landmark, and the only royal residence in the United States.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Iolani Palace, our organization depends on money raised from ticket and gift shop sales, donations, and events to pay for the operations and maintenance of this very special place and we encourage the approval of SB 3017 to provide vital support and ensure that the Palace is preserved for visitors and future generations.

Mahalo,



Pono Shim



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**Testimony of
PAULA AKANA
Executive Director**

**Before the Senate Committee on
LCA**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020
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**In Consideration of
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Aloha,

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

The Friends of Iolani Palace support Senate Bill 3017.

Iolani Palace is the only royal residence in the United States. It is also a National Historic Landmark and has been designated the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History.

Hawaii's last reigning monarchs walked her halls. There they welcomed dignitaries from around the world.

The mission of the Friends of Iolani Palace is to repair, restore and maintain the Palace, and share its story with Hawaii and the World.

We do so with funds raised from ticket and gift shop sales, donations and events, but it is not enough to keep up. There is so much work to be done.

SB3017 would provide funding to help with the deferred maintenance and repairs. It would also help ensure that Iolani Palace will be around for generations to come.

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



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Testimony of BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Before the Senate Committee on LCA

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The Board of Directors of the Friends of Iolani Palace support Senate Bill 3017.

SB3017 would provide much needed funding to help with the repair and restoration of Iolani Palace.

Iolani Palace has been designated The State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. It is a National Historic Landmark, and the only royal residence in the United States.

The Friends of Iolani Palace depend on money raised from ticket and gift shop sales, donations and events to pay for its operations and the repair and maintenance of this very special place.

The Friends need and would appreciate this monetary help in working to make sure the Palace will be standing for generations to come.



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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 3017, Relating to State Parks

The listed organizations write in **SUPPORT** of SB3017, 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** SB3017.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

TO: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner
Executive Director, Historic Hawaii Foundation

Committee: Tuesday, February 11, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 224

RE: SB3017, Relating to State Parks

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation, I am writing in **support for SB3017**. The bill would appropriate funds for the repair, restoration and maintenance of Iolani Palace and nearby structures on the palace grounds. Projects would include repairs to the roof, windows, lock sets, lighting, HVAC system, coronation pavilion, pergolas and bee removal.

Iolani Palace is an exceptional historic resource. It is designated as a State Monument, a National Historic Landmark and a contributing property in the Hawai'i State Capital National Historic District. Built in 1882 by King David Kalākaua, the palace served as the royal residence until 1893 for the King and his successor, Queen Lili'uokalani. For nine months in 1895, the deposed Queen was imprisoned in a bedroom of the Palace. From 1893 – 1968, the building served as the capitol of the Republic, the Territory and the State of Hawai'i. When the new capitol building opened in 1968, the process of restoring the Palace began under the leadership of the Friends of Iolani Palace, the Junior League of Honolulu and numerous community members.

The initial period of rehabilitation reflected a phenomenal effort and the results have been to restore the most significant building of the Monarchy era. All buildings require routine and regular maintenance; a historic structure of this level of significance also requires special treatment in accordance with strict preservation standards. The appropriation will allow the department to take appropriate actions on behalf of this beloved and significant site.

The historic, cultural and natural resources of Hawai'i are a great legacy and irreplaceable treasures. Historic Hawai'i Foundation strongly supports measures that lead to investments in Hawaii's historic places and that help keep their stories alive for present and future generations. The Palace is an important icon for Hawai'i residents and visitors, adding to the enjoyment, education, and understanding of Hawaii's history and inspiration for the future. We support the effort to identify additional funding sources to help preserve, restore, enhance and celebrate these resources.

Investing in historic property rehabilitation and preservation activities not only helps perpetuate these resources for Hawaii's people, but also help educate and inspire visitors. Hawai'i Tourism Authority's Visitor Satisfaction and Activity Report (2017) notes that the vast majority of visitors to Hawai'i engaged in historical and cultural activities statewide (U.S. West = 74%; U.S. East = 81%; Canada = 75%, Europe = 77%; Oceania = 74%; China = 84%; Korea = 58%; Japan = 40%). These travelers visited museums, art galleries, historic sites and cultural attractions, and contributed to the economic vitality of the state.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports SB3017.

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.