



HB821 HD1
RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS
Ke Kōmike Hale o ka Ho‘okolokolo a me ke Kuleana Hawai‘i

Pepeluali 16, 2021

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** on HB821 HD1, which would 1) allow the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to delegate to counties the responsibility for Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter (HRS) 6E historic preservation project reviews, provided certain conditions are met; 2) allow SHPD to establish a program to certify third-party individuals and organizations who will be authorized to review documents for completeness and compliance with the SHPD’s requirements prior to submission of the documents to SHPD; and 3) specify that SHPD or county reviews or comments may not be later revoked, amended, or expanded unless there is an authorized physical change to the site that would render the review or comments invalid.

OHA appreciates the intent of this measure to assist SHPD in fulfilling its important kuleana, and offers five amendments which will help ensure continuing protection for irreplaceable Native Hawaiian cultural sites and burials. OHA respectfully requests that HB821 be amended to **1) require SHPD to consult with OHA as it delegates its authority under HRS Chapter 6E to the counties; 2) explicitly reaffirm the authority of the Island Burial Councils over reviews pertaining to Native Hawaiian burials, pursuant to HRS § 6E-43, -43.5 and -43.6, and their implementing regulations; 3) require consultation with OHA in any written agreement between SHPD and a county memorializing the delegation of HRS Chapter 6E authority; 4) require consultation with OHA on the certification of third-party individuals and organizations who may conduct HRS Chapter 6E document review; and 5) remove language that would prohibit SHPD or a county from revoking, amending, or expanding prior reviews or comments unless an authorized physical change has occurred.**

1) OHA should be consulted in the delegation HRS Chapter 6E authority to the counties.

As the state agency mandated to assess the policies and practices of other state agencies for possible impacts to Native Hawaiians, OHA has been an important partner to SHPD for the last three decades, and has a vested interest in any long-term changes to the historic preservation review process. OHA therefore should be involved in SHPD’s process of delegating its HRS Chapter 6E authority to the counties, to help prevent the inappropriate or inconsistent treatment of irreplaceable Hawaiian cultural resources and burial sites.

Accordingly, should the Committee choose to move this measure forward, OHA respectfully urges the Committee to amend the language on page 3, lines 8-12 to read as follows:

“(c) The department may delegate responsibility for review of projects pursuant to this section, and pursuant to any administrative rules adopted thereunder, to the respective counties; provided that the department, in consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, has certified that the county has:”

2) HB821 HD1 must reaffirm the unique expertise and authority of the Island Burial Councils over reviews pertaining to Native Hawaiian burials, pursuant to HRS § 6E-43, -43.5 and -43.6, and their implementing regulations.

HB821 HD1 presently states that SHPD authority under HRS § 6E-43—pertaining to prehistoric and historic burials—shall not be delegated. Along the same lines, a specific acknowledgment of the continuing authority of the Island Burial Councils over Native Hawaiian burials under HRS § 6E-43.5 and § 6E-43.6 would eliminate potential confusion and ensure that treatment of prehistoric and historic Native Hawaiian burials is determined by those with appropriate expertise.

Should the Committee choose to move this measure forward, OHA respectfully requests that the language on page 4, lines 17-21 be amended to read as follows:

“(d) The department shall not delegate reviews or comments to the county for projects affecting properties listed in the Hawaii register of historic places or the national register of historic places, and shall not delegate any of the responsibilities established by sections 6E-43, 6E-43.5 and 6E-43.6 as it relates to burials, nor shall the authority of the island burial councils be diminished in any way.”

3) OHA should be consulted on the scope of delegation of historic preservation authority to the impacted counties via a written agreement.

Any delegation of historic preservation review authority to the counties should be memorialized in a written agreement with OHA as a consulting party. As mentioned above, OHA has a vested interest in any long-term changes to the historic preservation review process. OHA seeks continued involvement in historic preservation review to help prevent inappropriate or inconsistent treatment of irreplaceable Hawaiian cultural resources and burial sites. **Including OHA as a consulting party to written agreements delineating new county authority will allow OHA to help guide requirements relating to Native Hawaiian cultural sites and better monitor county performance.**

Accordingly, should the Committee choose to move this measure forward, OHA respectfully requests an amendment to the language on page 4, lines 10-11, to require that OHA be a consulting party to any written agreements memorializing the SHPD’s delegation of authority to the counties, to read as follows:

“(6) In consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, entered into a written agreement with the department memorializing the scope of delegation to the county;”

4) OHA should be consulted on the certification of third-party individuals and organizations who may be certified to conduct HRS Chapter 6E document review.

OHA consultation in the certification of potential third-party reviewers of historic preservation review documents will provide an additional safeguard for Native Hawaiian cultural resources and burial sites. Third-party reviewers can review documents for completeness and compliance with SHPD requirements, improving efficiency and allowing SHPD to focus on its more important kuleana. To maximize the effectiveness of third-party review, it is critical that third-party reviewers be competent and responsible professionals with the requisite expertise. Notably, HRS Chapter 6E and its implementing regulations include standards for consultation on sites of importance to Native Hawaiians, that are not considered or governed by Western archaeological methods. Therefore, specialized knowledge is required to adequately review historic preservation documents involving these kinds of sites and historic properties. **With three decades of experience working with local archaeological firms, as well as extensive historic preservation process and mālama iwi practice expertise, OHA may offer unique insights in the certification of those who would fulfill this important role. For example, OHA can help SHPD identify firms and individuals who have exercised the highest standards of care and professionalism toward the Native Hawaiian community and their cultural resources and ancestral burials.**

Accordingly, should the Committee choose to move this measure forward, OHA respectfully requests an amendment to page 5, lines 1-9, to require consultation with OHA in the certification of third-party reviewers to whom HRS Chapter 6E review responsibilities may be delegated, to read as follows:

“(e) The department may establish a program to certify third-party individuals and organizations to review documents prior to submission of the documents to the department for review. Certification of third-party individuals and organizations shall be done in consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. A review by a third-party shall ensure that the information submitted is complete and complies with the department’s documentation requirements, that any accompanying data and analysis supports recommendations made in the submission, and that the project reviewed complies with all of the requirements imposed by the department and this chapter. Third-party reviewers certified by the department shall satisfy the following requirements:”

5) Language that would prohibit SHPD or county from revoking, amending, or expanding prior reviews or comments unless an authorized physical change has occurred should be removed.

OHA has observed that sometimes SHPD does request that an updated archaeological inventory survey (AIS) or field inspection be completed when prior HRS 6E review occurred many years ago, and it is apparent that the previous archaeological work utilized methods or technologies that have now become outdated. Notably, as we move forward through time, advances in technology and archaeological methods allows for better site recordation and interpretation. The current Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) are silent on the shelf-life for an AIS, but does allow for SHPD to review whether or not adequate efforts have been made to identify historic properties. OHA believes that the lack of a specified shelf-life is to allow SHPD to assess archaeological methods and technologies used in older archaeological work to see if any kind of updated work is needed. Furthermore, other archaeological work associated with other projects could have occurred on adjacent or nearby parcels with new findings that could affect site interpretation on the subject parcel. As SHPD archives these findings, the current administrative rules allow SHPD to factor in findings from nearby or adjacent parcels when determining if any updated work is needed on a parcel even though HRS 6E review may have been completed many years ago.

As such, should the Committee choose to move this measure forward, OHA recommends that the language on page 5, lines 4-7, prohibiting the amendment, expansion, or revocation of reviews or comments be stricken from the bill, so that SHPD can decided whether or not adequate work has been done to identify historic properties and if any updates are needed as allowed for in its current administrative rules.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB821, HD1
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 at 2 P.M.**

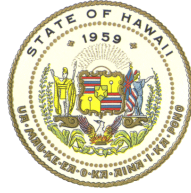
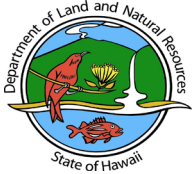
Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB821, HD1 which aims to provide a solution to the current backlog at the State Historic Preservation Division. As noted in the bill, the backlog results in costly delays to affordable housing and other important construction projects.

I am in support of HB821, HD1 because it will expedite the process for approving the development of housing in Hawaii. This will result in reducing the cost and encourage more investment of housing which is good for the State's economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021
2:00 PM**

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 325

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 821, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS**

House Bill 821, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), in consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), to delegate to the impacted counties the responsibility for certain historic preservation project reviews, and also allows the Department to establish a program to certify third-party individuals and organizations to review documents for completeness and compliance with rule prior to submission of those documents to the Department, and authorizes the board of land and natural resources to adopt policies to govern these activities at a public meeting. **The Department supports this measure.**

The proposed Section 6E-42(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), in House Bill 821, House Draft 1 would authorize the Department, in consultation with the OHA, to delegate to the impacted counties the responsibility for certain historic preservation project reviews, provided that the requirements of rules adopted to govern these activities are met. Section 6E-42, HRS, is essential to managing the places that embody Hawaii's unique historic and cultural heritage. Section 6E-42, HRS, requires state and county agencies to submit permits to the Department's State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) for review when the permitting agency believes that the project has the potential to affect a historic property. Each year, SHPD receives thousands of permits and supporting reports and documentation for review.

In every other states in the Union, many of these reviews would be subject to review at the county or municipal level. Hawaii is unique in reserving to the state government the duty to carry out review and evaluation of potential effects to historic properties on all permits.

The Department believes that it is reasonable and appropriate to authorize the counties to assume responsibility for such reviews. Because the state of Hawaii places such a high value on its historic and cultural heritage, the Department believes that it is essential that there be a uniform

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program statewide, whether implemented at the state or county level. The people of Hawaii must be assured that these reviews are governed by a single set of rules and procedures, meeting a single set of standards. The program must provide for meaningful public participation regardless of whether the review is being carried out by the state or a county. Furthermore, it is essential that there be a single repository for all data on historic properties so that individuals will have a single place to look for that information, whether they are doing academic research, project planning, preparing reports and documentation supporting a project permit review, reviewing such documentation on behalf of the reviewing agency, or members of the public. The Department believes that House Bill 821, House Draft 1 as drafted ensures all of this.

The proposed Section 6E-42(f), HRS, in House Bill 821, House Draft 1 allows the Department to establish a program to certify third-party individuals and organizations to review documents for completeness and compliance prior to submission of those documents to the SHPD for review under Section 6E-42, HRS. Far too many submittals received by SHPD are incomplete, and many of the reports and documents submitted in support of permit review do not meet the minimum requirements set by rule. Such submittals must be rejected, returned, and re-reviewed when resubmitted, sometimes more than twice. Such re-reviews comprise a significant portion of work carried out by SHPD, contributing to the backlog in permit reviews and delays in completing the Section 6E-42, HRS, review process.

Authorizing qualified third-party reviewers to review submittals before submission to SHPD should ensure that submittals that have undergone third-party review are complete and meet the requirements of rule. Third-party reviewers must be professionally qualified to review the documents submitted to them for review, thoroughly familiar with both contemporary reporting standards in their discipline, as well as the specific requirements of the applicable Hawaii Administrative Rules and be able to operate in a manner that is free of any conflict of interest.

The Department believes that House Bill 821, House Draft 1 as drafted ensures that third-party reviewers will be able to meet those standards.

House Bill 821, House Draft 1 also proposes to direct the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt policies to govern this section at public meeting. Adoption of these policies is expressly exempt from Chapter 91, HRS. The current crisis has highlighted the need for the government of State of Hawaii to have greater flexibility in the rules and policies under which it operates than is possible under existing circumstances.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair
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Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

**RE: HB 821 HD1 – Relating to Historic Preservation – In Support
February 16, 2021; Via Videoconference; 2:00 P.M.**

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi and members of the Committee,

Hunt Companies - Hawaii appreciates this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 821 HD1, which authorizes the State Historic Preservation Division to delegate the responsibility of historic preservation project reviews to the impacted county and establish a program for third-party individuals and organizations to conduct document reviews on proposed projects.

The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) is under staffed and therefore, there is a current backlog in reviews, which results in significant delays to affordable housing and other critical projects. Authorizing qualified third-party individuals and organizations to assist SHPD in the review of documents for completeness and compliance prior to submission of those documents to the SHPD will help expedite the review process. Hunt Companies - Hawaii supports efforts to increase government efficiency and transparency.

We ask for your favorable consideration of HB 821 HD1. Thank you.

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The Thirty-First Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 16, 2021

H.B. 821, H.D.1 – RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

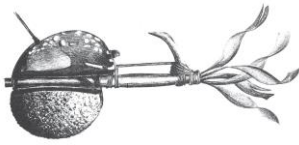
The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly opposes the purpose and intent of H.B. 821, H.D.1 which proposes to allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to outsource certain document review functions. These duties have historically and customarily been performed by employees of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). These employees are qualified and capable of making independent determinations of document completeness and compliance.

To address the backlog of projects needing review, the Department should be making a stronger effort to recruit and fill the vacant positions that currently exist. As a start, the Department should increase the advertised compensation for these positions, to be competitive in the job market for new candidates. There are options to attract and retain applicants and these alternatives within state policies should be utilized rather than seeking to outsource this function to third-party individuals and organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 821, H.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Rep. Scott Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Mara Mulrooney, Ph.D.
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HEARING: February 16, 2021, 2:00 PM, Conference Room 325

SUBJECT: Comments on HB 821, Relating to Historic Preservation

I am Mara Mulrooney, President of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 150 members, including professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation. On behalf of SHA, I present our comments on HB 821 (Relating to Historic Preservation).

We support the intent of HB 821 which is to address the unacceptably large backlog of projects to be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) under Chapter 6E-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). This excessive backlog has resulted in delays affecting residential and commercial projects due to SHPD's failure to complete timely reviews of county permits and related reports and plans relating to historic preservation. HB 821 would allow the counties to review some Chapter 6E-42 projects normally reviewed by SHPD if the counties meet certain requirements.

Our main concern with this bill is the SHPD is the only entity that houses the previous reports, records and other documents that are necessary to ensure that reviews are comprehensive. The proposed county review staff must have access to these documents, either electronically or in person at SHPD offices. The SHPD has been digitizing their documents to put on an online portal that would allow remote access. There had been an effort to digitize these documents and provide them remotely through the new 'HICRIS' system. However, the funding for this digitization initiative was cut, and although the HICRIS system is now online, there are currently few previous reports and other records available through this portal. In the first instance, the completion of this digitization project is critical prior to the adoption of bills that are intended to expedite the process. This includes HB 821 as well as similar bills coming up this session, including those hoping to outsource some of the SHPD's review authorities to counties or third parties. Second, a process is needed to ensure that the state historic preservation review process is applied consistently among participating counties and SHPD.

Should HB 821 pass out of this committee, we request to be consulted as a stakeholder in future deliberations on an amended bill. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email. Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony.

<https://hawaiianarchaeology.org/>

The Society for Hawaiian Archaeology is a registered tax-exempt organization established in 1980 to promote and stimulate interest and research in the archaeology of the Hawaiian Islands, encourage a more rational public appreciation of the aims and limitations of archaeological research, serve as a bond among those interested in Hawaiian archaeology, both professionals and non-professionals, and aid in directing their efforts into more scientific channels as well as encourage the publication of their results, advocate and assist in the conservation of archaeological data, discourage unethical commercialism in the archaeological field and work for its elimination.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

TO: Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs (JHA)

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee: Tuesday, February 16, 2021
2:00 p.m.
Via Video Conference/Conference Room 325

RE: **HB 821 HD1, Relating to Historic Preservation**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing **with comments on HB 821 HD 1**. The bill relates to the duties of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for historic preservation reviews prior to any approvals being issued for development projects.

HB 821 HD 1 would provide a means to delegate the State Historic Preservation Division's responsibilities to the Counties for actions conducted in accordance with HRS 6E-42 (Review of Proposed Projects). The bill establishes specific criteria and conditions under which such a delegation of authority could occur and continue. These conditions include SHPD certifying that the County has:

- Adopted an ordinance to govern the review process, consistent with State statute and administrative rules;
- Hired qualified professional staff who meet standards to conduct the reviews;
- Established internal controls to ensure independent determinations regarding effects of projects on historic properties;
- Ensured measures are taken against conflicts of interest and appearance of conflicts of interest;
- Provided for public notification; and
- Entered into a written agreement to memorialize the delegation of authority.

In addition, the delegation of authority would not apply to projects affecting properties listed in the Hawai'i or National Registers of Historic Places, nor would it apply to projects reviewed pursuant to HRS 6E-43 (prehistoric and historic burial sites).

The bill also would allow SHPD to certify third-party individuals and organizations to review documents prior to submitting to the documents to SHPD for review. Such a pre-review step would be for a check on completeness and compliance with document standards. The bill states that such third-party reviews would require:

- Staff who meet professional qualifications and standards;
- Sufficient internal controls to ensure qualified professional staff can make independent determinations and function in a manner that does not create a conflict or appearance of a conflict of interest; and
- The third-party reviewers must be independent from the party that drafted or generated the documents.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION COMMENTS

HHF does not have a concern with the proposed conditions and criteria under which a County could assume primary responsibility for conducting historic preservation reviews. The conditions are reasonable and establish checks and balances to ensure that such a county-level program would be conducted by qualified professionals and in accordance with clear standards and guidelines.

However, we note that the State already has a mechanism to accomplish a partnership between the State and its subdivisions for the purposes of historic preservation: the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. This partnership between federal, state and local jurisdictions was authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act and enabled by HRS 6E-14 and -15. Three counties (Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui) are established CLGs.

The criteria to qualify and remain a CLG include:

- Enforce Appropriate State or Local Legislation for the Designation and Protection of Historic Properties
- Establish an Adequate and Qualified Historic Preservation Review Commission by State or Local Legislation
- Maintain a System for the Survey and Inventory of Properties that Furthers the Purposes of the Act
- Provide for Adequate Public Participation in the Local Historic Preservation Program
- Satisfactorily Perform the Responsibilities Delegated to it Under the Act
- Provide Statistics for Annual Reporting Requirements

It appears that the only changes between the status quo and the proposed bill is whether or not a County's enabling ordinance explicitly includes the authority to conduct project reviews for compliance with HRS 6E-42, and whether the County commits to hiring, training and retaining qualified staff members to implement such a program.

The section of the bill related to third-party reviews is ambiguous. HHF does not object to establishing a process and procedure by which the quality and completeness of submittals is improved. But it is unclear why specific legislative action is needed in order for a state agency to establish a screening process to check

if a submittal follows formatting and content requirements, including whether the analysis supports the recommendations.

Would such a third-party review be part of SHPD's program, a County program or an Applicant's responsibility? The bill implies that SHPD would have a certified list of individuals or organizations who are qualified to screen submittals and note if they are complete. Certainly, complete and accurate submittals are necessary for reviewers to be able to assess a project and its effects. It is unclear why legislative authority is needed to require complete information for an agency to conduct its statutory responsibilities. This appears to be a function that should be integrated into standard operating procedures, submittal requirements and guidelines, and rules or regulations.

In short, HHF does not object to the sections of the bill related to historic preservation reviews, but is confused about why the issues are not addressed by means of existing programs and authorities, and by means of providing adequate professional staffing and resources at both the State and County levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 325
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair;
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

COMMENTS ON HB821 HD1 RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap. I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, in the county most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of our dependence on the visitor industry and corresponding rate of unemployment. I am writing share our comments on HB821 HD1.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce is a strong supporter of affordable housing and rentals and we appreciate the intent to expedite projects. We always think it is a good idea to hire third party consultants if SHPD is not able to complete work in a timely fashion. However, we have some reservations about delegating projects to the counties as we are unsure of their ability to address this and the cost to handle the level of work. We have reached out to our county and understand they are considering this bill at this time.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.