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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, STATE COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
COMMITTEES ON LABOR, CULTURE, AND THE ARTS/
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 1193, H.D.1

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE STATE.

Chairs Taniguchi and Moriwaki, Vice Chairs Ihara and Dela Cruz and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 1193, H.D.1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports and offers the following comments:

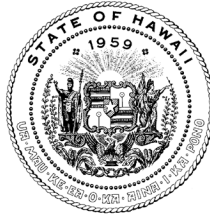
1. The current archives facility was designed 70 years ago. Based on current archival practice and public access needs, this facility is severely outdated in form and function.
2. The facility is capable of storing approximately 14,000 cu ft of records which is at 94% capacity. At the current rate of growth of approximately 200 cu ft of records per year, the State Archives will reach capacity in less than five years; after that time, it will no longer be able to execute on its Legislative mandate to collect, arrange, describe and make accessible the Public Archives of the State of Hawai'i.

3. The Public Research Room is limited in the number of patrons it can accommodate, diminishing its utility classroom activities at the high school and university levels.
4. The electrical grid within the facility cannot accommodate the preservation of the millions of electronic records being created.
5. There are no provisions to display more than a few of the over 1000 artifacts the State Archives holds in the Public Trust. These artifacts are among the most important objects in Hawai'i's rich and diverse history, and includes: The Buke Mahele, Royal Hawaiian seals, flags from all of Hawai'i's Governments, moon rocks from Apollo 11 and 17, and numerous treaties and documents signed by Foreign Heads of State.
6. Space limitations severely impinge upon the ability of the State Archives to conduct educational and outreach efforts to the public and school groups while simultaneously serving patrons conducting archival research.
7. Physical space constraints are also impacting the staff through a lack of facilities to conduct proper archival processing and conservation of the materials; and limiting our ability to engage more volunteers to assist staff, thereby reducing the number of possible records that could be made available to the public. With additional physical space to harness the additional resource of volunteers and interns, it would save the archives expending the funds necessary to hire additional staff to execute on our mandate.
8. The space constraints of the Public Archives also greatly hinders its ability to collect the archives of the many diverse subgroups within the various communities of Hawai'i that have added to our shared history and culture. As such, archives that document the contributions and struggles of aging, under-represented, and marginalized segments of the community are lost; and with these losses, so are the collective memories of a people that these records document.

9. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly disrupted the public's ability to travel, resulting in reduced access to their history and documentary heritage, up to and including a complete inability to conduct research. This impairment has highlighted the need to place more of these unique and irreplaceable records online for free, unfettered public access twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week from anywhere in the world. As a vast majority of the most important records exist only in paper format, this requires mass digitization of fragile documents. The current facility cannot provide the needed space, power or technological capabilities to grow the digitization infrastructure needed to provide large scale access to records protecting the public's rights, identity, property and history.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter

DAVID Y. IGE
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
and
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Monday, March 22, 2021
3:00 PM**

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 225

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1193, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE STATE**

House Bill 11193, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds for capital improvement projects (CIP) relating to the State Archives and 'Iolani Palace. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports funding cost elements for 'Iolani Palace State Monument and offers the following comments.**

The Department executed a 25-year general lease with the Friends of 'Iolani Palace (Friends) to manage and operate 'Iolani Palace, 'Iolani Palace Barracks (Hale Koa), the Coronation Pavilion and the Kanaina Building. 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. State Parks also administers and executes capital improvement projects (CIP) for the buildings and appurtenant structures. The Department of Accounting and General Services performs all of the grounds and tree maintenance functions and manages the parking areas surrounding the Palace.

'Iolani Palace was constructed in 1879 and is now 142 years old. Electric lights were installed at the Palace in 1887, sometime before their introduction at the White House or Buckingham Palace. Additionally, King Kalakaua's royal residence also featured running water, flush toilets and a phone in the upstairs library. These are significant and striking examples of the unique characteristics and age of this iconic and emblematic building for the State of Hawai'i. In 2000 only portions of the roof were repaired, but now 21 years later, due to increasing decay and

leakage during rain (threatening the integrity of various antiquities) the roof and various other architecture elements are deteriorating and need to be renovated and repaired.

The Department supports the sum of \$1,695,000 for the following for capital improvement projects listed in priority order:

1. Iolani Palace, Roof repair and Improvements – Construction \$1,000,000

The roof has not been subject to any repairs since around 2010, and is in dire need of repairs due to decay and leakage. After the last major storm event the leakage has expanded to other areas within the Palace and threatens the integrity of the exhibits.

2. Iolani Palace, Pergolas and Fountain – Plan, Design, Construction \$ 200,000

The Pergolas

These are the two shelters with concrete pillars made from palm tree molds supporting shade plants with benches underneath.

These unique features appear on a 1930 map of the grounds so they are at least 90 years old. They may have been built at the same time as the fountain as part of the grounds beautification project in the early 1920s. The concrete pillars are spalling and the reinforced rebar is exposed and rusting – so in addition to losing historic resources – safety is jeopardized. The pergola’s have been closed to the public for several years.

The Fountain

This feature was built sometime around 1920 or 1921 as part of the grounds beautification project. It was built at the site of an artesian well completed in 1883. The last major repair of the fountain was in 1984 and it has subsequently been shut down and needs repairs.

3. There are other CIP projects that the Friends have indicated need to be addressed such as:

Palace Windows and Entry Doors – refinish and paint	\$ 80,000
Kanaina Doors – replace	\$ 85,000
Palace Etched Windows – repair/replace	\$ 85,000
Palace Sconces – repair/rewire	\$ 125,000
Palace Locks – removed/replace/repair – 2 dz	\$ 120,000

The Department is in strong support of any appropriation if it does not adversely affect the priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2021 11:23:55 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Carpenter	Testifying for DLNR	Support	No

Comments:

I am available for questions. Please allow me Zoom access. Thank you.



IOLANI PALACE

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**Testimony of
PAULA AKANA
Executive Director**

**Before the Senate Committees on
Labor, Culture, & the Arts
and
Government Operations**

**Monday, March 22, 2021
3:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 225 via video conference

**In Consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1193 HD1
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR IOLANI PALACE**

Aloha Chairs Taniguchi and Moriwaki, Vice Chairs Ihara and Dela Cruz, and Committee Members:

I am Paula Akana, the Executive Director of The Friends of Iolani Palace. We stand in full support of HB 1193 HD1.

Iolani Palace is an iconic building and the scene of many poignant events in Hawaii history. The seat of a celebrated sovereign Hawaiian Nation, which had treaties with more than two dozen countries. The Palace itself, a work of art; with electricity four years before the White House. The site of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy in 1893, and where Liliuokalani was imprisoned in 1895. The seat of government for the Provisional, Republic, Territorial and State legislatures, until the present State Capitol opened in 1969. It's a place where President Franklin Delano Roosevelt planted a kukui nut tree in 1934, and where Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed lawmakers in 1959.

While Iolani Palace is the single most important structure affiliated with the sovereign Hawaiian Kingdom, it is not only important to Native Hawaiians. It's important to everyone. This remarkable building of American Florentine architecture, the only one like it in the world, is on the National Historic Registry. At 139 years old, this National Historic Landmark is in need of repair, as the years of deferred maintenance and TIME has taken their toll.

For over a half a century, The Friends of Iolani Palace has restored, repaired and protected this magnificent building, as well as the Coronation Pavilion, the Hale Koa Barracks and the Kanaina Building. HB 1193 HD1 would provide the funding to make the repairs that are critical in ensuring Iolani Palace is standing for generations to come.

Mahalo for your consideration, we strongly urge you to pass HB1193 HD1.



Testimony of the
OAHU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD (OEDB)
In Support of HB 1193 HD1
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE STATE

COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 22, 2021
3:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 225
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Ihara and Vice Chair Dela Cruz,

Iolani Palace is a State Asset (Owned building) that is cared for by the Friends of Iolani Palace. As a State Asset we appreciate that the State Legislature is looking at options to support the much needed maintenance and care to continue to have the Palace be a resource now and into the future.

The significant financial resources to care for the Palace in the past several decades have come primarily from Ticket and Gift shop sales, private contributions and fundraising efforts of the Friends of Iolani Palace, as well as project based grants. As all businesses the pandemic has revealed how vulnerable Iolani Palace is thru the dependency on tourism and at the same time how so many in Hawaii have a love for the Palace. Truly a wahipana.

As a wahipana for our residents and a significant destination for our visitors it does make absolute sense and we are grateful that the State Legislature is proposing HB1193 HD1 to utilize bonds to fund CIP for Iolani Palace. I strongly support HB1193 HD1.

We are grateful to our Legislative leaders who are diligently working on the high bar to insure the future of Iolani Palace will be a resource for generations of residents and visitors not yet born.

Mahalo,

Pono Shim
CEO, Oahu Economic Development Board
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Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark T. Shklov	Testifying for The Friends of Iolani Palace	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of Mark T. Shklov in Support of House Bill 1193 HD1

My name is Mark T. Shklov and I support HB 1193 HD1.

I am a Hawaii Lawyer and a Member of The Board of Directors of the Friends of Iolani Palace.

The Friends of Iolani Palace 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 believe that Iolani Palace was the product of inspiration. Iolani Palace provides the people of Hawaii with dignity, confidence, and self-respect.

I believe that King Kalakaua intended Iolani Palace to be a focal point that would benefit Hawaii through the development of relationships, both local and international. Iolani Palace represents Hawaii’s historical welcoming and friendly nature of Aloha.

I believe that Iolani Palace has served Hawaii well since it was built and it can continue to share Hawaii with its people and the World if it is preserved and restored.

There is no substitute for this iconic symbol of Hawaii. If Iolani Palace is lost, it cannot be replaced.

Iolani Palace needs funds now to support its operations, maintenance, restoration, and repair if it is to continue to benefit and serve Hawaii into the future.

HB 1193 HD1 will provide funding for this much needed work.

I strongly support passage of HB 1193 HD1.

Mahalo,

Mark T. Shklov

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 8:30:46 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Billy Pieper	Testifying for Friends of Iolani Palace	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Billy Pieper and I am in support of HB 1193, HD1.

The only royal residence on U.S. soil, Iolani Palace has been on the National Historic Registry since 1966. This National Historic Landmark tells an important part of the history of Hawaii. Over the years, tens of thousands of visitors, Hawaii residents and students have visited to see and learn that story first hand.

For more than a half a century, The Friends of Iolani Palace have worked to repair, restore and protect this iconic state owned building, but costly repairs are needed. Key elements are deteriorating and critical work needs to be done to make sure Iolani Palace will remain for generations to come.

This bill would allow funding for this much needed work to be done.

I strongly urge passage of HB 1193, HD1.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Billy Pieper

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WRITTEN ONLY
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1193, H.D. 1

March 22, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Room 225 and Videoconference

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE STATE

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on House Bill (H.B.) No. 1193, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 1193, H.D. 1, authorizes the Director of Finance to issue an unspecified sum of general obligation (G.O.) bonds and appropriates the funds for FY 22 by capital investment cost elements for capital improvement program (CIP) projects for Iolani Palace, O'ahu, and the State Archives, O'ahu, with a lapse date of June 30, 2024.

B&F has concerns with Section 1 of the bill that includes a reference to the use of G.O. bonds to support the operations of Iolani Palace. G.O. bonds should not be used for operating costs. Regarding H.B. No. 1193, H.D. 1, it is difficult to determine how the funds are intended to be used to support Iolani Palace operations and if these costs are CIP eligible.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2021 10:26:54 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
AGS - Jansen, Dr. Adam	Testifying for DAGS/Hawaii State Archives	Support	No

Comments:

I am available for comments and questions. I will be testifying on behalf of DAGS - Comptroller Curt Otaguro.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

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

Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Committee on Government Operations (GVO)

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner
Executive Director, Historic Hawaii Foundation

Committee: Monday, March 22, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

RE: HB 1193 HD 1, Relating to Capital Improvement Projects for the State

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation, I am writing in **support for HB1193 HD1**. The bill would appropriate funds for the repair, restoration and maintenance of Iolani Palace and nearby structures on the palace grounds, and also appropriate funds to develop a master plan for the State Archives, including assessment of collections processing and storage, administrative, public research, exhibition and community engagement spaces.

Iolani Palace

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 funding will allow the appropriate actions on behalf of this beloved and significant site.

State Archives

The Hawai'i State Archives preserves the records of the State and its predecessor governments (including the Territory, Republic and Kingdom of Hawai'i). It provides permanent protections for irreplaceable historic materials and artifacts, and is a priceless resource for researchers, educators, policymakers, historians and all those who have an interest in the cultural legacy of the Islands.

The Archives outgrew its original building (the 1905-era Kanaina Building) and has reached the limits of its current building (the 1952-era Kekauluohi Building). To continue to be successful in its mission to preserve and make available the records of the State, the Archives needs to have an appropriate facility. The Master Plan is a necessary first step to assess the needs and evaluate alternatives.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation does caution that any proposed demolition and/or new construction located within the Hawai'i Capital Historic District needs to be consistent with standards and guidelines for the treatment of historic properties. Although the Kekauluohi Building is of a later vintage than the original Archives, it may still be historically significant in its own right for association with the post-World War II era of Mid-Century Modern design.

The Master Plan should address options for rehabilitation and expansion, as well as potential relocation, of the Archives among the alternatives considered. HHF also recommends that the Master Plan consider integrating the original Archives (the Kanaina Building) into the Master Plan, to assess whether it provides opportunities for exhibit space and public programming or other related-functions.

Summary

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. The Archives holds the collective history and important historical documents for the education of Hawaii's people. We support the effort to identify additional funding sources to help preserve, restore, enhance and celebrate these resources.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports HB 1193 HD 1.

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2021 4:10:52 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Thomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

'Iolani Palace needs funding... I strongly support this bill.

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2021 3:55:48 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard K Akaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am Dr Gerard Akaka, and I support of HB 1193, HD1.

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For more than a half a century, The Friends of Iolani Palace have worked to repair, restore and protect this iconic state owned building, but costly repairs are needed. Key elements are deteriorating and critical work needs to be done to make sure Iolani Palace will remain for generations to come.

This bill would allow funding for this much needed work to be done.

I strongly urge passage of HB 1193, HD1.

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 6:00:45 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Ono	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am Ashley Ono and I support of HB 1193, HD1.

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I strongly urge passage of HB 1193, HD1.

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 11:55:00 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekoa Kaluhiwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Kekoa Kaluhiwa and I am in strong support of HB1193 HD1.

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Mahalo for your consideration of this request.

DATE; 3/20/2021

SUBJECT: House Bill HB1193 HD1

Aloha All

Aloha, I am Mark Kalahale. I fully support HB1193 HD1 that would allocate \$750,000 to Iolani Palace, from the TAT, or Transient Accommodations Tax. Iolani Palace is a National historic landmark. It was the home to Hawaii's last reigning alii, and later the offices for the Provisional, Republic, Territorial and State governments.

I have owned & operated a mechanical contracting company since 1984. I see first hand situations of the effects of differed maintenance on facilities on a daily basis. While we have done what we could within the budget we had to work with, it is clear that we need help.

Please support HB1193 HD1 . It will help us take care of critical repairs & maintenance needed.

Iolani Palace will always be the symbol of Hawaiian Sovereignty, of our Alii and a strong symbol of Hawaii's past, it's present and it's future.

Please help us continue to share "our" story with 160,000 + visitors that visit us annually.

MAHALO

MARK R. KALAHELE
PRESIDENT
ALOHA STATE SERVICES, LTD.
FACILITIES CHAIRPERSON
THE FRIENDS OF IOLANI PALACE

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 3:31:11 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha - I am testifying in strong support of SB1023. Iolani Palace is a national historic landmark. It was the home to Hawaii's last reigning ali'i. The Friends of Iolani Palace have funded its operations entirely from earned revenues, donations, and grants for salaries, repair and maintenance (which has been extensive on this aging historic building), and regular expenses of the Palace such as electricity which is very expensive as the Palace needs to constantly run the air conditioning system to manage humidity and preserve the many treasures in the Palace. This needed funding would provide the Friends with a consistent funding source to upkeep the precious and valuable antiquities of Hawai'i's history and the iconic building itself. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support. Brian Kealoha

HB-1193-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 5:07:05 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/22/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faylene Mahina Duarte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Mahina Paishon-Duarte and my grandmother is Harriet Haleaka Paishon who joyfully served as a volunteer docent for nearly fifteen years.

For more than a half a century, The Friends of Iolani Palace have worked to repair, restore and protect this iconic state owned building, but costly repairs are needed. Key elements are deteriorating and critical work needs to be done to make sure Iolani Palace will remain for generations to come.

This bill would allow funding for this much needed work to be done.

I strongly urge passage of HB 1193, HD1.