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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2329, H.D. 1

February 23, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Room 308 and Videoconference

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 2329, H.D. 1, requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to place historical markers in the State in consultation with the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, to identify significant sites in the life of President Barack Obama and appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for FY 23 to be expended by DLNR's State Historic Preservation Division for this purpose.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

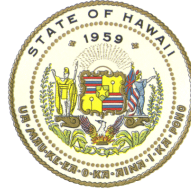
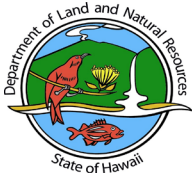
Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022
2:00PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 308, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2329, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

House Bill 2329, House Draft 1 proposes to direct the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to place markers at locations important to President Barak H. Obama as a youth born in and growing up in Hawaii. **The Department supports this measure.**

House Bill 2329, House Draft 1 proposes to direct the Department to place markers at locations important to President Obama growing up in Hawaii. The measure specifies a list of places where markers are to be placed. In the case of locations that are privately owned, the measure also proposes to require that such markers only be placed with the permission of the property owner. Lastly, House Bill 2329, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate an unspecified sum to the Department to carry out this activity. The Department believes that it is important and entirely appropriate that the State of Hawaii celebrate and commemorate President Obama's life in Hawaii.

The Department appreciates the appropriation of funds for this activity and notes that this is not funded in the Executive Supplement Budget request. The Department estimates that it will require approximately \$200,000 to complete this task.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

HB-2329-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 1:47:36 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nancy & Zeb Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Honorable Finance Committee Members:

We submit this testimony in SUPPORT of HB2329, HD 1 relative to historic preservation and the placement of historical markers in the State associated with significant site in the life of former President Barack Obama – the only United States President to have hailed from Hawai`i. We believe that any funding allocations should, however, be shared among the Department of Land & Natural Resources, the Hawai`i Tourism Authority, and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts as they determine the relevant and appropriate locations for these historical markers. We further request that this occur in a phased approach over perhaps 2 to 3 years depending on what is most viable for all Departments involved.

For all of the above reasons, we urge your honorable members to please pass HB2329, HD 1 out of your committee. Mahalo again for this opportunity to present this testimony supporting HB2329, HD 1.

Warm aloha,

Nancy & Zeb Jones

Hydroponics Alternatives LLC

HB-2329-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:54:25 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alphonso Braggs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members,

I stand in strong support of House Bill 2329 HD1, which recognizes historically significant sites in the life of President Barack Obama.

It is critically important to honor our Hawai'i-born President's legacy for the benefit of future generations.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alphonso Braggs

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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Kyle Yamashita, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

Wednesday, February 23, 2022; 2:00 p.m.
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RE: HB 2329 HD1 – Relating to Historic Preservation – Comments, request amendment

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee:

HB 2329 HD1 requires the department of land and natural resources to place historical markers in the State to indicate significant sites in the life of President Barack Obama identified by the department, in consultation with the Hawaii Tourism Authority and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and appropriates funds for this purpose.

In its current form, HB 2329 HD1 provides that if a location identified for a historical marker is the property of a “private business,” the marker shall only be placed at the business’ property if the private business agrees. If a private business does not agree to have a marker placed on the business’ property, the marker shall be placed on public property nearest to that location. **HB 2329 HD1 does not address situations where a location identified for a historical marker is a private residence.**

Given the security, privacy and other concerns attendant with a private residence, we respectfully request your consideration of the following amendment:

Page 2, add (3) If the location identified for a historical marker is a private residence, the historical marker shall only be placed on private or public property if the private residence owner agrees to have the historical marker placed that identifies the residence.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and we ask for your favorable consideration of the foregoing amendment.

Dr. Shelbi Jim On
Dr. Ethan Routt

