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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2329

February 9, 2022
10:30 a.m.
Room 329 and Videoconference

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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

House Bill No. 2329 requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to place historical markers in the State 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.

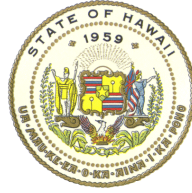
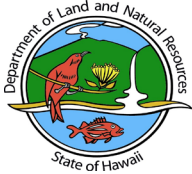
Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- 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
CULTURE, ARTS, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022
10:30AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 10:30am, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2329
RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

House Bill 2329 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 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 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

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 4:56:00 PM

Testimony for CAI on 2/9/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

STRONGLY OPPOSE! Do not waste money by doing this when we have homeless, hungry, jobless, inflation & a myriad of other problems that need addressing & funding right here right now!