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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. 2449, H.D. 1

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

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE ARCHIVES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on House Bill (H.B.) No. 2449, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 2449, H.D. 1, appropriates to the Department of Accounting and General Services unspecified general funds in FY 23 for ten new positions for the State Archives program to assist with its mission and increase public access to historical documents and artifacts; and unspecified general obligation bonds in FY 23 for the purpose of financing an additional building for the State Archives to expand and create new spaces for collections processing, storage, administrative use, public research, exhibitions, listening, learning, and community engagement. This measure also requires all departments, offices, and agencies to conduct an inventory of all documents in their possession related to the culture and history of Hawai'i and Native Hawaiians and requires the State Archives to develop a transfer plan to acquire those documents.

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.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita., Vice Chair
Committee on Finance (FIN)

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner
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Committee: Wednesday, February 23, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference & Conference Room 308

RE: HB 2449 HB1 Relating to the Hawai'i State Archives

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation, I am writing in **support for HB2449 HB1, with additional comments.**

The bill would provide funds to establish staff positions in the Hawaii State Archives; authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the construction of an additional building for state archives; require all departments, offices, and agencies to conduct an inventory of all documents in their possession related to the culture and history of Hawai'i and Native Hawaiians, and require the State Archives to develop a transfer plan to acquire those documents

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, policy-makers, historians and all those who have an interest in the cultural legacy of the Islands.

Historic Foundation strongly supports the proposal to increase staffing levels at the Archives and to develop a plan for the inventory and acquisition of relevant documents from the State's departments and agencies.

HHF also supports efforts to ensure that adequate facilities are developed for both curating the archives and providing space for public research and exhibits. 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.

HHF recommends that the Department of Accounting and General Services first develop a Master Plan to assess the needs and evaluate alternatives, including potential sites. Historic Hawai'i Foundation cautions 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 may provide opportunities for exhibit space and public programming or other related-functions.

The Archives holds the collective history and important historical documents for the education of Hawai'i'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 2449 HB1.