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**Before the Senate Committee on
LABOR, CULTURE, AND THE ARTS**

**Friday, February 4, 2022
3:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

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SB-3317

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:44:42 PM

Testimony for LCA on 2/4/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Palace is in need of help. Please support this bill.

SB-3317

Submitted on: 2/3/2022 8:09:09 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/4/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brian Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha -

I am testifying in my personal capacity and as a board member of The Friends of Iolani Palace in support of SB 3317.

The mission of The Friends of Iolani Palace is to repair, restore and maintain this wahi pana, or sacred place. Also to share the story of a pivotal time in Hawaii history with our residents and the world.

With the Palace being over 130 years old, the maintenance requirements have grown substantially and there is so much that needs to be done to ensure Iolani Palace remains a living symbol of a proud Hawaiian Nation and its stance in the world.

While the Palace does generate income through ticket and gift shop sales, donations, memberships and events, it is not enough and additional funding is needed for restoration and repair, as well as operations and maintenance.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB3317.

Brian Kealoha

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Submitted on: 2/3/2022 9:10:01 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/4/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Richard Kennedy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

'Iolani Palace has for too long had to fund its operations and capital improvement projects primarily from donations and ticket sales. I amaze my friends and colleagues when I tell them that the State does not provide annual support for the Palace. As the piko of Hawaiian identity for all the people of these islands, the Palace deserves the regular support of our legislature, now more than ever as this majestic 140-year old symbol deteriorates further. I ask the committee to vote in favor of SB3317. Thank you,

Dr. Richard Kennedy

Makiki

**In Consideration of
SENATE BILL 3317**

**Re: Senate Bill 3317, RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR IOLANI
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Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Billy Pieper

Board Member

The Friends of Iolani Palace



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**Testimony of
PAULA AKANA
Executive Director**

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Labor, Culture and the Arts**

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3:00 PM
Conference room 225 & videoconference**

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Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Aloha,

Paula Akana
Executive Director
The Friends of Iolani Palace

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Testimony of
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In Consideration of
SENATE BILL 3317

Re: Senate Bill 3317, RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR IOLANI
PALACE

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Committee members.

I have the privilege of serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Iolani Palace. As a native Hawaiian, it is with a deep sense of duty to my kupuna and the ancients of our culture and its legacy to all of the citizens of Hawaii.

Among the many cherished “na mea” of who we are and what is of great importance to our legacy and story is “IOLANI PALACE”. As you are aware 2022 will mark the 140-year birthday of this National Historic Treasure. This special place created by King David Kalakaua, and now cared for and protected by the people of Hawaii.

As with all things whose legacy stretches across a century of existence, time has not been friendly or kind, thus much is needed in the way of resources to maintain, protect, and enhance its presence.

Thus, I respectfully seek your support in passing SB 3317 which will provide the necessary resources to continue an active repair and maintenance program for this very important cultural site.

Mahalo for your continuing support.

Allen K. Hoe

SB-3317

Submitted on: 2/3/2022 11:23:33 AM

Testimony for LCA on 2/4/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mark T. Shklov	Testifying for The Friends of Iolani Palace	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of Mark T. Shklov in Support of Senate Bill 3317

Aloha,

My name is Mark T. Shklov. 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 strongly support Senate Bill 3317.

Iolani Palace is the iconic representation of Hawaii’s cultural, historical, and spiritual qualities. However, Iolani Palace will be 140 years old and there are many areas in need of improvement and repair.

Senate Bill 3317 provides for financing capital improvement projects for Iolani Palace, including many improvements and repairs that are needed immediately and that are critical to the preservation, restoration, and protection of this unique cultural, historical, and spiritual symbol of Hawaii.

If Iolani Palace is properly preserved, restored, and protected, it can provide inspiration to Hawaii’s people and the World into the future.

Senate Bill 3317 provides for repairs and improvements that are necessary for the preservation, restoration, and protection of Iolani Palace.

Mahalo,

Mark T. Shklov



Testimony of Pono Shim of Oahu Economic Development Board

Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

**Friday, February 4, 2022, 3:00 PM
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**Re: Senate Bill 3317, RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
FOR IOLANI PALACE**

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and Committee members,

On behalf of the Oahu Economic Development Board, I write in strong support of Senate Bill 3317. Iolani Palace is a special place for many people and organizations across Hawaii and the world. It is a wahi pana, a legendary place, that carries and stories of Hawaii's history and serves as a guiding light for the future. It represents a time when the Hawaiian Kingdom was considered an equal to countries around the world as it held treaties with over twenty nations.

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This year, we celebrate the Palace's 140th birthday. After over a century of serving the community, our Palace is in need of significant repair and maintenance. We believe that the passage of Senate Bill 3317 is the most meaningful way to honor our history and to re-invest in the improvement of one of Hawaii's most important cultural and historic sites.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Pono Shim
President and CEO
Oahu Economic Development Board

SB-3317

Submitted on: 2/3/2022 12:45:00 PM

Testimony for LCA on 2/4/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kawena Beupre	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and Committee members,

Iolani Palace is a unique historic special landmark of Hawaii. Passage of this bill would provide the much needed funding to address the repairs and maintenance work the Palace desperately needs and deserves. I strongly support this bill.

SB-3317

Submitted on: 2/3/2022 1:12:38 PM

Testimony for LCA on 2/4/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard K Akaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and Committee members,

I appreciate this opportunity to provide support for Senate Bill 3317. I am Dr Gerard Akaka, a Native Hawaiian physician.

The Iolani Palace is important for Hawaiians and the people of Hawaii. It would be good to maintain the structure and site so that it will continue to serve Hawaii for decades to come. Using healthcare as an example, preventive care protects from catastrophic problems in the future. This bill provides ability to provide basic maintenance that will prevent future damage that requires costly repairs.

Mahalo for this opportunity to support SB 3317.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2022 1:34:14 PM

Testimony for LCA on 2/4/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leilani Williams-Solomon	Testifying for Friends of 'Iolani Palace	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Committee Members,

as a board member of Friends of Iolani Palace, I strongly urge you to support the passage of SB3317 to fund capital improvement projects for the Palace. As you are aware, the Palace is unlike any other place with its unique history and spirit. It tells the story of Hawaii, from the monarchy when the islands were a respected, independent nation, to the overthrow where the last Queen was imprisoned, to serving as the capitol for the Provisional, Republic, Territorial, and early State governments. As she approaches her 140th birthday, she is beloved but wearing out. The funds designated by this bill could help give her some badly needed improvements. I humbly ask that you pass this bill and help us malama this iconic and uniquely important place.

Mahalo for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of

Malcolm S. Inamine

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha,



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Community Advocate