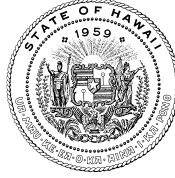


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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, STATE COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

H.B. 340, H.D.2

MARCH 21, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

RELATING TO BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON DAY.

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 340, H.D.2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** this bill and wishes to add the following comments for consideration:

1. The interest in the history of Kalaupapa has seen a strong resurgence after generations of disinterest and neglect. Not only are those souls who were exiled to the peninsula to live out the remainder of their lives worth remembering, but so too are those courageous volunteers who risked their own lives in order to bring comfort and care to the population of Kalaupapa. The efforts of these caregivers

to bring a sense of humanity back to the residents of Kalaupapa should be honored and brought back from obscurity

2. Recognition of the efforts of Brother Dutton will provide a unique opportunity for the People of Hawai'i to reflect upon their history, while also increasing awareness and educational opportunities about those who lived at Kalaupapa for both the People of Hawai'i and those visiting our islands.
3. As the Keepers of Public Memory, the State Archives has a rich collection of over one hundred pages of correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, and personal journal entries from Brother Dutton. To assist in the education and dissemination regarding the efforts and accomplishments of Brother Dutton, the Public Archives is willing to digitize and place these letters online in order to make them freely, openly accessible from anywhere in the world.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter

March 21, 2023

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
THE JOSEPH DUTTON GUILD TO
THE COMMITTEE ON

TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

MARCH 21, 2023, 3:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 224, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 340 H.D. 2 RELATING TO BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON DAY.

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 340 H.D. 1. I am Patrick Boland, representing the Joseph Dutton Guild. The Guild supports the Sainthood Cause of Joseph Dutton.

The Guild supports this bill. The merits of the bill are expressed very well in the language of the bill itself and the committee reports from the House. The testimony from the Department of Accounting and General Services is quite insightful. We appreciate and applaud these statements.

During the Civil War, Dutton served honorably in the Union Army from 1861 to 1865. After the war he spent more than a year supervising the exhumation of about 6,000 soldiers from battlefield graves for transfer to national cemeteries. He called it “gruesome work.” In addition to coping with these traumatic situations he suffered a disastrously failed marriage, alcoholism and other problems. This led to what he later called his “degenerate decade.”

Vowing to reform his life, he learned about the work of Father Damien at the Kalaupapa Settlement and in 1886 came to Kalaupapa to dedicate the rest of his life in service to the patients. He remained there, in service, for 44 years. For the first 17 years his primary work was sore-dressing, at which he was an unsurpassed expert. Eventually he assumed management of the Baldwin Home for Boys, which by 1926 had cared for 1,376 boys and men. He maintained this life of service for 44 years, never leaving Kalaupapa, until his health failed at the age of 87 and he was removed to St. Francis Hospital in Honolulu, where he died in 1931.

This extraordinary life of service and dedication deserves the recognition proposed in this bill.

I would only recommend that the **effective date** be moved up to **June 30, 2023**.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

HB-340-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2023 6:52:54 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/21/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fr. Brian Guerrini, ss.cc.	Testifying for Congregation of the Sacred Hearts	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Father Brian Guerrini, ss.cc. (US West Region of US Province)

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3-20-23

Testimony on H.B. 340 H.D. 2

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and Arts. Thank you for an opportunity to testify on this bill. I strongly support it.

My name is Fr. Brian Guerrini, ss.cc., previous pastor of Saint Damien of Molokai parish and missions on topside Molokai during the COVID pandemic years of 2019-2022.

I am currently staying at the General House of our Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC.) in Rome. I am here for three months researching for a book I am writing on the history of SS.CC. on Molokai.

During my research, I have had an opportunity to read many of the personal letters Ira “Joseph” Dutton wrote over his long lifetime and am convinced that this is a holy man. His selfless sacrifice for the leprosy patients on Molokai is to be raised up as an example of love for others which is the great commandment, to love. We need more beacons of hope such as “Joseph” Dutton for humanity to continue to believe that all is not lost in this sometimes crazy world.

I highly recommend the passage of this bill making April 27 th for every year Brother Joseph Dutton Day. I further recommend that the effective date be moved up to June 30, 2023.

Sincerely,

Father Brian Guerrini, ss.cc.

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HB-340-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2023 1:34:24 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/21/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill HB340, HD2.

This bill displays gratitude from the State to a hero who devoted his life to the people of Kalaupapa - Brother Joseph Dutton. This measure will also educate the public of the significant history and difficulties the people of Kalaupapa endured and how certain individuals dedicated their life for the betterment of the people of Kalaupapa.

HB-340-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2023 3:13:45 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/21/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brenda R. Duarte	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Brenda R Duarte

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Testimony on H.B. 340 H.D. 2

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and Arts. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. I strongly support this bill.

My name is Brenda R Duarte a descendant of previous residents of Kalaupapa and patients Frank and Mary Duarte and Richard and Gloria Marks.

I also serve on The Joseph Dutton Guild seeking toward the beatification and canonization of Joseph Dutton. I am aware of the impact the lives of Fr. Damien, Mother Marianne and Joseph Dutton had on many of the afflicted and medical personnel of Kalaupapa.

Joseph Dutton served in the Union Army for the entire Civil War. After the war he spent more than a year in the psychologically difficult work of disinterring about 6000 hastily buried Union soldiers for reburial in national cemeteries. His life was further marred by a failed marriage, alcoholism and other problems which led to what he called his “degenerate decade.”

He vowed to reform, and after hearing about Father Damien he went to Kalaupapa to give the rest of his life in service to the patients. He spent the last 44 years of his life in that service. His story is part of the story of my ancestors legacy. I believe this life of service deserves the recognition provided by this bill.

I highly recommend the passage of this bill making April 27th for every year Brother Joseph Dutton Day.

Sincerely,

Brenda R Duarte

HB-340-HD-2

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Testimony for TCA on 3/21/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 340, HD1 as this bill will recognize Joseph Dutton for his sacrifice to humanity and the people of Kalaupapa. This bill and Brother Joseph Dutton represents all that is good in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

HB-340-HD-2

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Testimony for TCA on 3/21/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Garcia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of HB340, HD2

Brother Joseph Dutton dedicated nearly forty-five years of his life to the residents of Kalaupapa. This measure ensures that Brother Joseph Dutton's legacy will endure for future generations. This bill will also allow the State to annually reflect upon its history while increasing awareness of and educational opportunities about the residents of Kalaupapa.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

HB-340-HD-2

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Testimony for TCA on 3/21/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiffany Sims	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill HB340, HD2

This bill displays Hawaii's gratitude to a hero who devoted his life to the people of Kalaupapa - Brother Joseph Dutton. This bill will also educate the public of the significant history and difficulties the people of Kalaupapa endured and how certain individuals dedicated their life for the betterment of the people of Kalaupapa.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.