



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

#### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts  
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SCR 148/SR 126 – URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP ART, BRANDING, AND NARRATIVES FOR AN APPROPRIATE SELECTION OF HAWAII'S UNIQUE COMMUNITIES, LANDMARKS, PARKS, AND OTHER SIMILAR AREAS.

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution 148 and Senate Resolution 126.

My name is William R. Chapman, Interim Dean for the School of Architecture on behalf of the University of Hawai'i offering comments on these measures. As a long-time member of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, now as Vice-Chair and previously as Chair and as Director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Historic Preservation (now in the School of Architecture), I have been committed to the recognition and protection of sites in Hawai'i of both cultural and aesthetic significance.

The University of Hawai'i is confident that the School of Architecture either through the Graduate Certificate Program or through our very successful Community Design Center could play an active role in the creation of such a task force and in helping to develop a working list of significant places.

With regards to the expected work by the task force, there may be some redundancy since these lists already exist in several different contexts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.