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S.C.R. 83 / S.R 38

URGING THE ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO RELOCATE, RENOVATE, UPGRADE, REOPEN, OR DEMOLISH THE HAWAII MARITIME MUSEUM BUILDING AND THE NEARBY AREAS SO THAT PIER 7 MAY SERVE AS AN ATTRACTION OF THE ALOHA TOWER COMPLEX

Senate Committee on Tourism and International Affairs & Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of these resolutions and is already working to implement the merits of these resolutions which calls for a effective land management and highest and best uses of Harbors lands to ensure revenue is generated to support Harbors programs. We are currently exploring opportunities with several companies that have recently inquired about leasing the parcel at Pier 7, and we are in the process of determining which option will best complement the Aloha Tower Complex. We look forward to finalizing an agreement for the use of this parcel in the very near future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Tourism and International Affairs

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Senate Committee on Water and Land Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 2:15PM – Conference Room 225

Bishop Museum offers <u>comments</u> in consideration of <u>SCR 83</u>, which urges the Aloha Tower Development Corporation to develop a plan with respect to the Hawaii Maritime Center ("HMC") building located at Pier 7, Honolulu Harbor. Since financial constraints necessitated the closure of HMC in 2009, Bishop Museum has worked with the Department of Transportation's Harbors Division ("DOT") to develop and realize a sustainable plan for the HMC building's renewed operation. Bishop Museum continues to welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with the DOT and any entity that can provide a viable contribution towards that objective.

Bishop Museum is the State of Hawaii's official museum of cultural and natural history and its mission is to be a gathering place and educational center that actively engages people in the presentation, exploration and preservation of Hawaii's cultural heritage and natural history, as well as its ancestral cultures throughout the Pacific. Telling the story of Hawaii's maritime history is an integral component of Bishop Museum's mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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March 30, 2015

To: Senator Gilbert Kahele, Chair and Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair- Committee on Tourism and International Affairs

and

Senator Laura Thielen, Chair and Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair-Committee on Water and Land

Re: S.R. No. 38 and S.C.R. No. 83-Urging the Aloha Tower Development Corporation to Develop a Plan to Relocate, Renovate, Upgrade, Reopen, or Demolish the Hawaii Maritime Museum Building and Nearby Areas so that Pier 7 May Serve as an Attraction of the Aloha Tower Complex

My name is Bruce McEwan and I am President of Friends of Falls of Clyde, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of preserving and restoring the National Historic Landmark vessel Falls of Clyde. As accurately stated in the resolutions, Falls of Clyde, built in 1878, is the only surviving iron-hulled, four-masted, full-rigged sailing oil tanker in the world, which gives it a special place in world maritime history. The importance of Falls of Clyde, which has resided in Honolulu Harbor for over 50 years, to the Hawaii community was clearly stated by the Hawaii State Legislature in a 2009 Concurrent Resolution (SCR 138):

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Falls of Clyde is recognized as a historic symbol of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Falls of Clyde should be treasured and protected by the State of Hawaii and its residents.

Friends of Falls of Clyde support the intent of these resolutions and look forward to actively participating in planning meetings that will be scheduled by the Aloha Tower Development Corporation.

Sincerely,

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SR38

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a former ATDC Public Advisory Group member, I support this Resolution for ATDC and Bishop Museum to REOPEN the Maritime Museum at its existing location, once the site of King David Kalakaua's Boathouse. This location, adjacent to historic Aloha Tower and its historic landscape companion, Irwin Park, is the most befitting location. The Maritime Museum is a priceless and unique asset and legacy for Honolulu, and has served to enrich our residents and visitors as a valuable historic and educational attraction together with Aloha Tower at Honolulu Harbor.

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