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RE: Pali Lanes  
120 Hekili Street  
Kailua, HI 96734  
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Dear Dr. Downer,

As Representative for State House District 50 (Kailua-Kaneohe Bay) and a long time Kailua resident, I strongly support the nomination of Kailua's Pali Lanes Bowling Alley to the Hawaii Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places.

Pali Lanes stands as one of the last few iconic buildings representing what once was a sleepy little beach community known by locals as "K town". In an age of cookie cutter buildings purposed for techie events or retail sales, the bowling alley is a tangible touchstone to a simpler time and place.

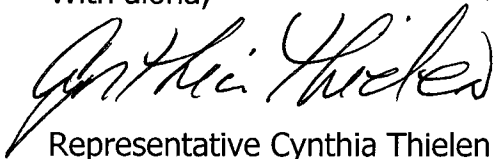
As a mom, I took my four children to Pali Lanes. Decades later, we smile when we remember the laughter we shared there as a young family. These days, my grown children have taken their own kids to Pali Lanes. And I have taken that third generation of our family there.

Not only does Pali Lanes represent a slice in time for Kailua residents, but the bowling alley preserves a sport which is quickly disappearing. I realize that memories and community icons don't qualify a property for inclusion on an historical register. However, the excellently drafted nomination form details strong and important reasons that this significant building should be retained for future generations.

If needed, I will be introducing legislation during the 2019 Session which allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources to condemn the property, providing fair market value to the fee owner, and preserving it as a bowling venue operated by the Division of State Parks. A copy of that bill has been enclosed for your reference.

My hope is that the State Historic Preservation Division will act positively on this nomination. As Kailua becomes more commercialized as a visitor destination, it is imperative that we protect and preserve our past. Pali Lanes is a step back in time where families spent the afternoon talking, laughing, and sharing a sport which didn't require allot of money or time. We don't have a time machine or Back to the Future's DeLorean, but we can relish a blast from the past by saving Pali Lanes Bowling Center.

With aloha,



Representative Cynthia Thielen  
50th District (Kailua, Kaneohe Bay)

Encls: Condemnation Bill

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PALI LANES BOWLING ALLEY PROPERTY IN KAILUA.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Pali Lanes  
2 bowling alley in Kailua is an integral part of the community and  
3 has catered to multiple generations of residents and visitors  
4 for approximately six decades. The facility remains a treasured  
5 community institution and gathering place, providing a truly  
6 local venue for safe and entertaining recreation that includes  
7 activities for special needs children.

8           The Pali Lanes property is owned by ABP Windward, LLC, a  
9 branch of Alexander & Baldwin, which also owns many other  
10 properties in Kailua that have undergone significant change in  
11 recent years. The owner has indicated that it will soon take  
12 possession of the Pali Lanes property to redevelop it, which  
13 would be the end of the historic bowling alley.

14           The legislature further finds that more than two thousand  
15 six hundred people have signed a petition to save Pali Lanes and  
16 that many others, including national professional bowlers, have



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1   voiced support for keeping Pali Lanes and other historic bowling  
2   alleys in operation.

3           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
4   department of land and natural resources to institute  
5   condemnation proceedings to provide fair market value and  
6   acquire the Pali Lanes property and preserve it as a bowling  
7   venue to be operated by the division of state parks.

8           SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources  
9   shall institute proceedings to condemn title to the property  
10   known as Pali Lanes, 120 Hekili street, Kailua, Oahu, TMK  
11   420380200000, with a total land area of 72,653 square feet,  
12   pursuant to chapter 101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and shall  
13   preserve the property as a bowling venue that shall be operated  
14   by the division of state parks.

15           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much  
17   thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
18   same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
19   2020-2021 for an appraisal and other preparations for  
20   instituting the condemnation proceedings under section 2, and to  
21   provide fair market value for acquisition of the property.



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1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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**Report Title:**

Condemnation; Pali Lanes; DLNR; Appropriations

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire the Pali Lanes property in Kailua and to operate it as a bowling alley. Appropriates funds.

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