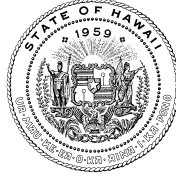


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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

MARCH 28, 2023, 3:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.C.R.148 / S.R.144

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO
ESTABLISH A MUSEUM OF MODERN HAWAII HISTORY TASK FORCE.

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.C.R. 148 / S.R. 144.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) stands in **Strong Support** on H.C.R. 132 and H.R. 133 and offers the following comments:

1. The State Archives, in its role as the Keepers of Public Memory, protects and preserves the documentary heritage of Hawai'i from 1790 to current and is well versed in the history of Hawai'i with professional historians on staff.
2. Since the formation of the Archives in 1905, thousands of artifacts were transferred by the Territory to the Archives for safe keeping. In effect, the Archives has served

as a museum of Hawaiian History without display space necessary to share these artifacts with the public. Even with the over 260 objects on loan to Iolani Place and 80 objects on loan to Washington Place, the Archives preserves a number of historically significant pieces worthy of display and capable of educating the public regarding the history of Hawai'i.

3. Given the vested interest DAGS continues to have in seeing a Hawaiian History Museum established within the Capitol District, the State Archivist is appreciative of the generous appointment to the Task Force and looks forward to working with The State Foundation on Cultural and the Arts and the other members of the task force toward the establishment of just such a museum.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



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Statement of
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Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND ARTS

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144 / SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 148
REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH
A MUSEUM OF MODERN HAWAII HISTORY TASK FORCE**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in support of the intent of SR144/SCR148, requesting the establishment of a Museum of Modern Hawai'i History will build on the stories and history told by other partner institutions and allow residents and tourists to learn about and reflect upon the State's rich history and global achievements in the modern statehood era.

As mentioned within the resolution, Hawai'i has a diverse array of museums showcasing the deep history and culture of the Hawaiian Islands from early native Hawaiian history and culture to the overthrow era. A space to showcase and highlight monumental moments within statehood is important and having a space to do so continues to perpetuate and share Hawai'i's breadth of culture and history.

We support the intent of SR144/SCR148 and stand ready to accept a position and have a designee appointed to the Museum of Modern Hawai'i History task force.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.