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SB 1334 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN MUSIC AND DANCE
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Committee on Ways & Means (WAM)
Chair: Senator Donna Mercado Kim
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Aloha mai e Chair Senator Kim and Members of the WAM:

I am the president of the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts and the Maiki Aiu Foundation and we **SUPPORT** SB 1334 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN MUSIC AND DANCE – The Hawaiian Music and Dance Museum.

The Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts is a nonprofit organization formed in 1982 to stimulate interest in the local recording industry and the music of Hawai'i. The Maiki Aiu Foundation is also a nonprofit organization formed in 2001 to preserve and perpetuate the art of Hawaiian Music and Dance through the concepts of the late hula master Maiki Aiu - hula is life.

For at least a century Hawaiian Music and Dance have been the indigenous art forms in public performance and view. It has been used for almost any and all celebrations here in Hawai'i and abroad. It is what the visitor industry uses as Hawai'i's calling card. It is world renown.

The museum will afford the community jobs, attract more visitors to Hawai'i, boost Hawai'i's economy and increase education and research of Hawaiian fine art forms.

WE SUPPORT SB 1334 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN MUSIC AND DANCE – The Hawaiian Music and Dance Museum.

'O au no me ka ha'aha'a a me mahalo a nui loa

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S.B. 1334, S.D. 1

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN MUSIC AND DANCE

Chair Kim and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. 1334, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) opposes S.B. 1334, S.D. 1, because, if implemented, it will reduce the funding available for State CIP projects. DAGS understands that Act 230, SLH 2007, created the Museum of Hawaiian Music and Dance Committee which conducted a study and provided a report to the Legislature in January 2009 recommending that the State proceed with the construction of the museum.

DAGS does not take issue with the recommendation to build a museum. However, the effort between DAGS, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the community at large will cost about \$2 million, or so much thereof, as may be necessary in FY 2010 to finance the design and environmental assessment, and \$27 million, or so much thereof, as may be necessary in FY 2010. DAGS believes that the

State cannot afford to proceed with this project while other, urgent projects, including repair and maintenance projects are held because of budget constraints caused by the economic downturn.

DAGS recommends that this bill be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.