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Representative James Tokioka, Vice Chair

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### **SB 602 SD2**

Chair Manahan, Vice Chair Tokioka, and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify **in support** of Senate Bill 602, with some amendments.

As amended by the Senate Ways and Means Committee, this measure now includes funding for collections management at Bishop Museum and Iolani Palace.

However, the measure should clearly state that both institutions are responsible for the selection, exhibition, and care of art works in their respective collections. Language to this effect is already present in H.B. 963, HD1 which this Committee has already heard.

In these times of economic hardship, we need to think creatively in trying to fund some of our State's most important cultural treasures.

Thank you again for allowing us to testify in support of this measure.

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