



Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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RE: Senate Bill 3063: Relating to Disposition of Lands in Waipio Valley

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of Bishop Museum with respect to SB 3063 relating to the disposition of lands in Waipio Valley. We acknowledge the cultural and historical importance of Waipio Valley and seeking the best stewardship of an invaluable resource is always at the forefront of Bishop Museum's mission.

The purpose of this bill is to make an appropriation for the purchase of land in Waipio Valley. We thank the legislature for taking up this important issue. We wish to work collaboratively with legislators involved in crafting this measure and to contribute positively to the ongoing discussion about the feasibility of the state acquiring Waipio Valley lands.

We support the intent of SB 3063 and request to be a part of the ongoing conversation about the specific details should this bill move forward. We would request that this measure either continue to blank out the funding amounts or to defect the date so that concerns about implementation can be identified and addressed prior to final passage.

Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in honor of his late wife, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the last descendant of the royal Kamehameha family. Bishop Museum is designated the State Museum of Cultural and Natural History and is a non-profit organization with the mission to engage people in the presentation, exploration and preservation of Hawaii's cultural heritage and natural history.

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