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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Re: SB2204 RELATING TO THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL.

Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to fund celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Hawaii state capitol.

For hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2018

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT, WITH PROPOSED ADDITION

Dear legislators, it's wonderful to plan for celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Hawaii state Capitol in 2019.

But of course there would be no state Capitol unless there were a State of Hawaii.

And as it happens, 2019 will also be the 60th anniversary of Hawaii statehood.

Of course the Statehood Day holiday does not come until August. But it will be perfectly OK for the Legislature to celebrate it during the period when the Legislature is in session, as was done in 2009 for the 50th anniversary of Statehood.

Taxpayers will be pleased that you are combining the two celebrations into a single event to be held at a time when you are already present at the Capitol. Save money and appeal to a wider audience.