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Statement of
CHRIS TATUM

Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, February 20, 2019
4:00PM
State Capitol, Conference Room #308

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL NO 420
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, members of the House Committee on Finance: The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **strongly supports** House Bill 420, which removes the provision designating the Hawai'i Convention Center (HCC) as the location for the operation of a Hawaiian center and museum of Hawaiian music and dance.

The concept of developing a Hawaiian Center and Museum of Hawaiian Music and Dance is one that we fully support; however, the challenge has been the requirement of locating the center at the Hawai'i Convention Center. By removing this requirement, we will then be allowed to work with the community to identify the best location for this very important facility. We humbly request your support of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of House Bill 420.



February 19, 2019

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

Conference Room 308
Hawai'i State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony on **HB420**, Relating to Hawaiian Culture

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members:

My name is Melanie Ide and I am the President and CEO of the Bishop Museum, Hawai'i's State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. We are strong supporters of the perpetuation and education of Hawaiian culture. The Museum's research and collections have played a foundational role in the renaissance of the Hawaiian language and hula, and the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture is central to our mission and our future. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this important bill.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie Y. Ide".

Melanie Y. Ide
President & CEO

HB-420

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 3:15:35 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Date: 02/19/2019

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RE: Bill HB420 to redirect the Hawaiian Museum of Music and Dance from the Convention Center to the Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History (formerly known as Bishop Museum)

I strongly support these efforts to make progress and hopefully realize the Hawaiian Museum of Music and Dance. Hawai'i's indigenous music and dance represents a continuum that has profoundly connected the ancestral past to the generations yet to come. Hawai'i's music and dance have played a significant role in some of the most important social, cultural, and political facets of Hawai'i's history and everyday life. The music and dance arts have also played a major role in the preservation of Hawai'i's unique indigenous culture and works to respect, perpetuate and preserve Hawai'i's unique host culture.

As so many of our Hawaiian cultural practitioners and knowledgeable kūpuna pass, it is vital that we establish a place for their collections and artifacts to be preserved, a place that presents and highlights Hawaiian music and dance in a respectful and genuine way, and a place where Hawaiian traditions of mele, oli and hula can be researched and experienced.

The Hawaiian Museum of Music and Dance also accomplishes the objective of strengthening the relationship between the visitor industry and the Hawaiian host community. It provides visitor experiences and activities that are authentic and support the differentiation of Hawai'i's visitor industry product and visitor understanding that adds to a special competitive edge no other destination cannot duplicate while Hawai'i's ability to sustain its unique product brand in the global market.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Chelle Pahinui
UHH Tourism Instructor
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 481 H.D. 2

February 20, 2019
2:00 p.m.
Room 308

RELATING TO INSURANCE

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Board of Trustees has not taken a position on this bill. EUTF staff would like to provide estimates of the cost impact.

This bill is to clarify that the existing health mandate for coverage of low-dose mammography include coverage for digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis. If the EUTF plans were enhanced to this benefit level, it would add approximately \$147,000 and \$113,000 in annual claims to the EUTF HMSA employee and retiree plans, respectively. The estimate from the Kaiser plans is not available at this time. It is estimated that such an increase in the HMSA claims to the retiree plans would increase the State and counties unfunded liability by \$2.4 million.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

EUTF's Mission: We care for the health and well being of our beneficiaries by striving to provide quality benefit plans that are affordable, reliable, and meet their changing needs. We provide informed service that is excellent, courteous, and compassionate.