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Statement of  
**CHRIS TATUM**

Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**AND**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
9:30AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room #312

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

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Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Holt, members of the House Committee on Tourism & International Affairs, and Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and members of the House Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs: 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of this measure.

**HB-420**

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:31:32 AM

Testimony for TIA on 2/12/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:



## BISHOP MUSEUM

February 12, 2019

Rep. Richard H.K. Onishi, Chair  
Rep. Daniel Holt, Vice Chair  
Committee on Tourism and International Affairs



Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs

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

RE: Testimony on HB420, Relating to Hawaiian Culture

Chairs Onishi and Yamane, Vice Chairs Holt and Todd, 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 closely monitoring these important policy proceedings. The Museum's collections have played a foundational role in the renaissance of the Hawaiian language and hula, and the continued perpetuation of Hawaiian language and culture is an important part of our mission and our future. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this important bill.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

Melanie Y. Ide  
President & CEO