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TESTIMONY BY RODERICK K. BECKER
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 699, S.D. 2

March 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Room 312

RELATING TO THE BERNICE PAUAHI BISHOP MUSEUM

Senate Bill No. 699, S.D. 2: mandates that, beginning in FY 2021-23, the Governor's Executive Budget include at least \$2,000,000 each fiscal year to be allocated to the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History, also known as the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; and appropriates \$2,000,000 in general funds in FY 20 and FY 21 to support the work of the museum.

The Department of Budget and Finance has serious concerns with setting in statute a minimum funding level for the Bishop Museum. It is our understanding that such a requirement is unconstitutional.

Adjustments to Bishop Museum's subsidy can be made through the regular budgetary appropriation process. If the current Legislature believes that \$2,000,000 is an appropriate funding level, it can appropriate that amount in the Executive Budget, which will be part of the base for future budgets.

We note that the specific appropriation of \$2,000,000 for both FY 20 and FY 21 as contained in this bill would be in addition to the \$626,000 annual subsidy currently budgeted for the Bishop Museum. This additional funding level was not requested by the Bishop Museum through the Executive Biennium Budget preparation process.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

To: House Committee on Tourism

From: Dr. Julie M. E. Taomia, US Army Garrison – Pohakuloa Cultural Resources Manager

I am writing this testimony in **SUPPORT** of **SB699**, which will be heard on Tuesday, March 12th at 9 AM. I am writing to support a significant increase in Bishop Museum's annual appropriation as the State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. As our State Museum, Bishop Museum's work is of great cultural, scientific, and intrinsic value to the State of Hawai'i and must be supported at a much higher level than it is today. Bishop Museum stewards the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Oceanic materials, including unique and irreplaceable materials that are critical to the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian culture and knowledge. Its natural history collections provide information crucial to protecting native species and habitats, as well as combating invasive species. In addition, the Museum provides vital educational programs and resources to support the educational development of Hawai'i's school age children. These activities are of tremendous importance to the State and I wholeheartedly support this bill to increase the Museum's annual appropriation.

As a graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley I traveled to Oahu for archival research at the Bishop Museum that contributed to my dissertation on the prehistory of the Cook Islands, accessing notes and information not available in the published literature. As a professional I have continued to make use of the Bishop Museum's resources, and the Cultural Resources Section at Pohakuloa Training Area regularly contacts Bishop Museum staff to assist us in understanding the material remains we find in archaeological sites at PTA.

Almost three years ago on a family vacation I was lucky enough to trip across the exhibit "Royal Hawaiian Featherwork: Nā Hulu Ali'i" with my children at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, which included feather works from the Bishop Museum collection. But I was crushed to learn that due to a shortage of funding this fantastic exhibit was not shown at the Bishop Museum. I encourage you to increase funding for the Bishop Museum so that exhibits such as this one can be shown in Hawai'i, and so that the valuable resource that is the Bishop Museum will continue to be available to researchers and the people of Hawai'i for years to come.

SB-699-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 9:22:48 PM

Testimony for TIA on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jan elliott	bishop museum association council	Support	No

Comments:

As a volunteer member of the Bishop Museum Association Council, I'm writing to support a significant increase in Bishop Museum's annual appropriation as the State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. I have watched for years as employees struggle to do multiple jobs and deferred maintenance piles up. It's hard to attract and retain members (The Council's task) when there is not only no money to run innovative and creative programs for members, we can't even run these programs when they are free! There is simply not enough staff to support them. But what really got my attention was last year's museum fire in Brazil, which destroyed millions of irreplaceable biological specimens and items of cultural significance. This could happen here. Bishop has 22 million biological specimens as well as one of the 3 top Pacific libraries in the world. Its archive of Hawaiian and other Pacific artifacts is the largest in the world. Bishop is recognized worldwide as the premier museum of the Pacific region, with 130 years of history and a vast archive in many fields. It is of immense value to scientists and cultural practitioners alike. It would be catastrophic if these irreplaceable treasures were lost to a fire like that in Brazil. The Bishop needs funding to upgrade fire protection, other deferred maintenance, and so much more.

Hawaii should be proud and supportive of our State Museum and help it to survive for the benefit of current and future generation. Please support the above bills!

Hawai'i State Museum of Natural and Cultural History

Supporting an Increase in the Museum's Annual Appropriation

SB699 & HB1375

[HB1375/ HD2](#): Appropriates funds to support the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; provided that the appropriation shall not reduce DBEDT's base

budget for the Hawaii Museum. This bill has a [hearing](#) scheduled in front of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts on **Tuesday, March 12 at 2:45 pm** in Conference Room 224.

[SB 699/SD2](#): Beginning with the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, requires the governor to include in the executive budget a minimum amount per fiscal year as a recurring cost to be allocated to the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Appropriates funds to support the work of the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History. This bill has a [hearing](#) scheduled in front of the House Committee on Tourism & International Affairs on **Tuesday, March 12 at 9:00 am** in Conference Room 312.



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House Committee on Tourism & International Affairs

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Date: March 12, 2019

Where: State Capitol Room 312

TESTIMONY

By: Kau'i Burgess

RE: SB 699, SD2, Relating to the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum

E ka Luna Ho'omalū Onishi, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalū Holt, a me nā Luna Maka'āinana 'ē a'e o kēia Kōmike, aloha!

Kamehameha Schools writes in **SUPPORT** of SB 699, SD2, which requires the governor to include in the executive budget a minimum amount per fiscal year to be allocated to the Bishop Museum.

As the State of Hawai'i Museum of Natural and Cultural History, the Bishop Museum helps to preserve the identity of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i, and much of the Pacific. As such, Kamehameha Schools believes that the museum fulfills an important role in our community, instilling confidence and resiliency in Hawai'i's learners and Hawai'i's people.

The Bishop Museum is home to an irreplaceable inventory, second to none in documenting the natural and cultural histories of Hawai'i and the Pacific. Through these artifacts, archival documents, and biological specimens, the histories of our people and place can be better understood, enabling more informed solutions for today and tomorrow.

The Bishop Museum's collections also provide a variety of services for our community, as do the knowledgeable museum staff. Local and global scholars and resource managers consistently use the museum's repository for research. Museum staff also support the State through a broad range of critical functions, such as invasive species identification.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an educational organization striving to restore our people through education and advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

With this testimony, Kamehameha Schools requests your **SUPPORT** of SB 699, SD2. Mahalo nui.



March 12, 2019

Representative Richard H.K. Onishi, Chair
Representative Daniel Holt, Vice Chair
Committee on Tourism & International Affairs

Conference Room 312
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of **SB699 SD2**, relating to the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum

Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Holt, and Committee Members:

My name is Melanie Ide and I am the President and CEO of the Bishop Museum. **I strongly support SB699 SD2**, which appropriates funds to support the work of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, officially designated as the State of Hawai'i Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

The Museum's collections encompass more than 25 million catalogued objects, placing Bishop Museum among the top five natural history museums in the United States and the top 10 in the world. The collections include over 1.2 million cultural artifacts, representing Native Hawaiian, Pacific Island, and Hawai'i immigrant life; more than 125,000 historical publications, including many in the Hawaiian language; 1 million historical photographs, films, works of art, and publications; and over 22 million plant and animal specimens.

Museum researchers have discovered over 17,000 species of plants, animals, and insects throughout the Pacific region, and have made countless discoveries related to the migration, settlement, and daily life of Pacific peoples. The Museum's educational programs provide science and cultural education opportunities to thousands of Hawai'i schoolchildren each year, and it is estimated that the Museum has hosted more than 10 million visitors over its history. Passage of this bill enables our committed staff to continue sharing Hawai'i's unique knowledge base and stories with the world. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this important bill.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

Melanie Y. Ide
President & CEO

TO: Rep. Richard H.K. Onishi, Chair
House Committee on Tourism and International Affairs

Rep. Daniel Holt, Vice Chair
House Committee on Tourism and International Affairs

FROM: Angus Raff-Tierney, M.A., Legislative Committee Chair,
Society for Hawaiian Archaeology
angusrafftierney@yahoo.com

HEARING: Tuesday, March 12th at 9 AM in House conference room 312.

SUBJECT: Testimony in SUPPORT of **SB699 SD2** RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY.

I am Angus Raff-Tierney, Legislative Committee Chair of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology. We have over 150 members that include professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation in general. I am writing this testimony in **SUPPORT** of **SB699 SD2**, which will significantly increase the Bishop Museum's annual appropriation as the State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. As our State Museum, Bishop Museum's work is of great cultural, scientific, and intrinsic value to the State of Hawai'i and must be supported at a much higher level than it is today. Bishop Museum stewards the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Oceanic materials, including unique and irreplaceable materials that are critical to the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian culture and knowledge. Its natural history collections provide information crucial to protecting native species and habitats, as well as combating invasive species. In addition, the Museum provides vital educational programs and resources to support the educational development of Hawai'i's school age children. These activities are of tremendous importance to the State and to the work of my organization, and I wholeheartedly support this bill to increase the Museum's annual appropriation.

Mahalo for considering our testimony. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email address.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

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

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawai'i Foundation

Committee: Tuesday, March 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 312

RE: **SB 699 SD2, Relating to Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum**

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation, I am writing in **support for SB 699 SD2**. The bill would establish a mechanism to appropriate funds to support the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, which is designated as the State of Hawai'i Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum campus is a designated historic district that is significant for its cultural, architectural, educational, scientific and historical contributions to the Hawaiian Islands. The first building of the museum was constructed in 1889. It was founded by Charles Reed Bishop as a memorial to his wife, Pauahi, who was the last of the royal Kamehameha line.

The Hawaiian Hall complex, built to house the founding collections of Bishop Museum, was constructed in three building phases from 1888 to 1903. Its buildings established a construction style and use of materials that was used through the early 1930s in Hawai'i. Particularly notable was its precedent-setting use of cut basalt stone, most of which was quarried on the grounds. Today, the complex is regarded as a masterwork of late Victorian museum design. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of Hawai'i's most significant and iconic buildings.

The impact and importance of Bishop Museum is incalculable, not only for the people of the Hawaiian Islands, but also throughout the Pacific. The buildings, operations, research and exhibits all need to be supported for the education, inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of the public. The proposed appropriation will assist the Museum in its stewardship and trusteeship for both present and future generations.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. Its members and supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports SB 699 SD2.

SB-699-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 6:01:56 PM

Testimony for TIA on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rona Ikehara-Quebral	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: House Committee on Tourism

From: Rona Ikehara-Quebral (Archaeologist), International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc., Honolulu.

I am writing this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB699 SD2**, which will be heard on Tuesday, March 12th at 9 AM. I have been a professional archaeologist in Hawai'i for over 30 years, and advocate the protection and preservation of our island's dwindling cultural resources. In order to do this, more funding is needed to properly restore and curate these resources. I support a significant increase in Bishop Museum's annual appropriation as the State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. As our State Museum, Bishop Museum's work is of great cultural, scientific, and intrinsic value to the State of Hawai'i and must be supported at a much higher level than it is today. Bishop Museum stewards the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Oceanic materials, including unique and irreplaceable materials that are critical to the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian culture and knowledge. Its natural history collections provide information crucial to protecting native species and habitats, as well as combating invasive species. In addition, the Museum provides vital educational programs and resources to support the educational development of Hawai'i's school age children. These activities are of tremendous importance to the State and to the work of my organization, and I wholeheartedly support this bill to increase the Museum's annual appropriation.

Thank you for your consideration.

SB-699-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 7:48:33 AM

Testimony for TIA on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

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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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 9:48:42 AM

Testimony for TIA on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Hodara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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To: House Committee on Tourism for SB699

From: Rachel Hodara Nelson

I am writing this testimony in **SUPPORT** of **SB699 SD2**, which will be heard on Tuesday, March 12th at 9 AM. I'm writing to support a significant increase in Bishop Museum's annual appropriation as the State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. As our State Museum, Bishop Museum's work is of great cultural, scientific, and intrinsic value to the State of Hawai'i and must be supported at a much higher level than it is today. Bishop Museum stewards the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Oceanic materials, including unique and irreplaceable materials that are critical to the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian culture and knowledge. Its natural history collections provide information crucial to protecting native species and habitats, as well as combating invasive species. In addition, the Museum provides vital educational programs and resources to support the educational development of Hawai'i's school age children. These activities are of tremendous importance to the State and to the work of my organization, and I wholeheartedly support this bill to increase the Museum's annual appropriation.

Having just returned from New Zealand, and witnessing the immense government support for cultural and natural education and institutions in that county, I hope Hawaii can invest similarly in its precious natural and cultural resources. The Bishop Museum needs the support of Hawaii's people to thrive!!

Aloha,

Rachel

March 11, 2019

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Onishi, Chair
Rep. Holt, Vice Chair

LATE

Hearing Date: March 12, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 312, Hawaii State Capitol

Re: SB 699 SD2 RELATING TO THE BERNICE PAUAHI BISHOP MUSEUM.

Dear Representative Onishi, Representative Holt, Chair and Vice Chair of the House Committee on Tourism and International Affairs, and Members of the Tourism and International Affairs Committee:

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) testifies in Strong Support of Passage of SB 699, SD2.

The Bishop Museum is an incomparable and precious resource for the state of Hawaii and its people, in part due to the strength of its collections and its longstanding and rigorous research, which has helped to capture and tell the story of the people of Polynesia, including Native Hawaiians.

The knowledge and information the Bishop Museum provides is crucial to our understanding of Oceania and Polynesia, and increased state funding is crucial to its continued existence, which benefits all of us.

We support SB 699 SD 2 and the funding it will provide for the Bishop Museum.

Sincerely,



J. Kuhio Lewis
Chief Executive Officer

SB-699-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 11:56:19 AM

Testimony for TIA on 3/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mele Look	Bishop Museum Association Council	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Senators,

I am Mele Look, 1st Vice President of the Bishop Museum Association Council, a volunteer organization that represents the members of the Bishop Museum. I strongly support the increase in financial support for the Bishop Museum. The Museum is an important resource and unique treasure for Hawaii, the Pacific, and the World. It is a premiere institution and is designated a State Museum.

Bishop Museum stewards the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Oceanic materials, including unique and irreplaceable materials that are critical to the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian culture and knowledge. Its natural history collections provide information crucial to protecting native species and habitats, as well as combating invasive species. In addition, the Museum provides vital educational programs and resources to support the educational development of Hawai'i's school age children. These activities are of tremendous importance to the State and to the work of my organization, and I wholeheartedly support this bill to increase the Museum's annual appropriation.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.



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House Committee on Tourism & International Affairs

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: March 12, 2019
Room: State Capitol Room 312



TESTIMONY

Submitted by the listed organizations

To: Chair Onishi, Vice Chair Holt, and Members of the Committee

RE: In Support of SB699, SD2, Relating to the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum

The listed organizations are writing to **SUPPORT SB699, SD2**, which increases the annual appropriation for Bishop Museum, our State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. As our State Museum, Bishop Museum’s work is of great cultural, scientific, and intrinsic value to the State of Hawai’i and must be supported at a much higher level than it is today. Bishop Museum stewards the world’s largest collection of Hawaiian and Oceanic materials, including unique and irreplaceable materials that are critical to the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian culture and knowledge. Its natural history collections provide information crucial to protecting native species and habitats, as well as combating invasive species. In addition, the Museum provides vital educational programs and resources to support the educational development of Hawai’i’s school age children. These activities are of tremendous importance to the State and to the work of our organizations, and we wholeheartedly support this bill and urge the Committee to **PASS SB699, SD2**.

holt1 - Terii

From: caroline yacoe <cyacoepp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:39 PM
To: TIAtestimony
Subject: SB699



9 MARCH 2019

As a long term resident of Hawaii (since 1978) I am writing to support both HB1375/HD2 and SB 699/SD2.

The resources of the Bishop Museum have been essential in my work as a Oceanic Art Collector/Dealer/Documentary Filmmaker and resource for photo/journalism articles and curating Pacific Art Exhibitions.

The Archives, exhibits, and staff resources of the Bishop Museum have been extremely important , graciously extended, and of great assistance in all these endeavours over all these years.

It is a understatement to say that the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum is regarded as the best in the Pacific and it's continuation in both collections and research is critical and of great benefit to both the people of Hawaii and the Pacific.

Please approve both these bills and add a generous amount to SB699/SB2 so the profound and groundbreaking work of the Bishop Museum in both cultural and natural areas can continue and grow.

Thank you,

Caroline Yacoe
223 Paiko Drive
Honolulu, HI 96821

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Please note that my current email address is:

cyacoepp@gmail.com

holt1 - Terii

From: John Fleckles <jfleckles@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:25 PM
To: TIAtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB699



TO: Committee on Tourism and International Affairs
Hawaii State Legislature

3/11/19

FROM: John Fleckles, Docent
Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum

RE: SB699.SD2 (SSCR744)

I add my strong support to Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum's request to the State Legislature. As you are aware, the museum is a prized and essential asset that enables guests to encounter traditional Hawaiian culture and the ancestral cultures of the Pacific islands. Whether those guests are local residents, visitors to our islands or our students on frequent educational tours, the museum is an essential asset to life in these islands and needs your support at essential levels to continue its mission.

As a docent (six years) who volunteers weekly to assist and guide the museum's guests, I share with you my observation of the engagement and reverence for the museum that I have witnessed on a continuing basis, whether those guests are students, residents or island visitors. Please continue your essential support for the Bernice Pauahi Bishop museum and its mission.

Sincerely,
John Fleckles, docent
Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 699, S.D. 2, RELATING TO THE BERNICE PAUHI BISHOP MUSEUM.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 312

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General,
Randall S. Nishiyama, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Onishi and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to require the Governor to include in the executive budget a sum of no less than \$2,000,000 per fiscal year as a recurring cost to be allocated to the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History ("State Museum") beginning with the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. This bill also appropriates funds to support the State Museum for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

This bill is not an enforceable mandate that requires the appropriation of funds at the designated level because the Governor, in the preparation and submission of the budget and the budget bill, does not have a mandatory duty to comply with all spending levels fixed by statute. Maryland Action for Foster Children, Inc. v. State, 279 Md. 133, 148, 367 A.2d 491, 500 (1977). If this were a mandate to provide a funding level of at least \$2,000,000 a year for the Bishop Museum, then this would infringe on the Governor's constitutional duty under article VII, section 8, of the Hawaii State Constitution, to submit the Governor's budget for the Legislature's consideration.

If your intent is to provide a minimum level of funding for the State Museum, then the State Constitution would have to be amended to provide for this.

We respectfully ask the Committee consider our comments.