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**TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
and THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
April 14, 2023 Conference Room 309 & Videoconference at 10:00AM**

SCR 148

**REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH
A MUSEUM OF MODERN HAWAII HISTORY TASK FORCE**

Chairs Tam, Lowen and members of the Committee, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts supports the resolution to form a Task force to develop plans for a Museum of Modern Hawaii History as described in SCR148.

Museums in society play an integral role in the preservation of history and place through exhibitions and collections care. However, as communities are increasingly engaged through evolving forms of media and are more reactive to globalization, the responsibilities of museums have the opportunity to expand. The SFCA views this opportunity for a museum of modern Hawaii history to be more than an institution with exhibits that explore the significant role Hawaii has played contributing to national and global events and progress. The museum can be developed as a gathering space, which would provide an active civic center of dialogue. The space can be an education center with debate and civil discourse, idea-sharing and creative output to not only honor past accomplishments of the State of Hawaii, but to shape its future efforts for the people who reside there.

The National Constitution Center and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights provide good examples of how institutions can work to activate its community in social interaction and civic engagement:

<https://constitutioncenter.org/>

<https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/>

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i

**Testimony to the Thirty-Second State Legislature
2023 Session**

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
Representative Adrian Tam, Chair
Representative Rose Martinez, Vice Chair

Friday, April 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309 & Via Videoconference

by

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Resolution No. and Title: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 148, Requesting the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to Establish a Museum of Modern Hawai‘i History Task Force.

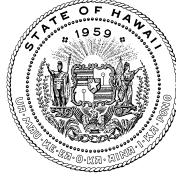
Judiciary's Position:

The King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center (JHC) supports Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 148. Not only do we agree with the legislature’s findings that the State has made national and global impact with groundbreaking public policy, we also support the inclusion of the Judiciary on the measure’s proposed task force to create a Modern Hawai‘i History Museum. JHC has an extensive history of exhibitions, teacher workshops, and public programs exploring historic events including Hawai‘i’s labor movement, martial law during World War II, precedent setting Supreme Court decisions, Constitutional Conventions; along with individuals like Harriet Bouslog, Patsy Takemoto Mink, William S. Richardson and many others who have influenced Hawai‘i’s public policy. We look forward to working with the other members of the Museum of Modern Hawai‘i History Task Force to heighten awareness of Hawai‘i’s pioneering contributions in public policy.

JHC was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1990 through Act 211 and HRS §6F-5, and is an administrative program of the courts. Our mission is to educate the public about the judicial process and Hawai'i's legal history from ke au 'ōiwi wale (the indigenous period) through kēia manawa (present day). The museum is 3 years into an exhibition renovation and redesign project which will celebrate the role of Native Hawaiians, and the islands' historic immigrant groups, in affecting notable public policy and legal precedent in Hawai'i, the United States, and international jurisdictions. We applaud efforts to celebrate Hawai'i's robust contributions to advocacy and policy creation on significant issues facing Hawai'i, the United States, and the world.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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S.C.R.148

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ESTABLISH A MUSEUM OF MODERN HAWAII HISTORY TASK FORCE.

Chairs Tam and Lowen, Vice Chairs Martinez and Cochran, and Members of the
Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.C.R. 148.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) stands in **Strong
Support** on S.C.R 148 and offers the following comments:

1. The State Archives, in its role as the Keepers of Public Memory, protects and preserves the documentary heritage of Hawai'i from 1790 to current and is well versed in the history of Hawai'i with professional historians on staff.

2. Since the formation of the Archives in 1905, thousands of artifacts were transferred by the Territory to the Archives for safe keeping. In effect, the Archives has served as a museum of Hawaiian History without display space necessary to share these artifacts with the public. Even with the over 260 objects on loan to Iolani Place and 80 objects on loan to Washington Place, the Archives preserves a number of historically significant pieces worthy of display and capable of educating the public regarding the history of Hawai'i.
3. Given the vested interest DAGS continues to have in seeing a Hawaiian History Museum established within the Capitol District, the State Archivist is appreciative of the generous appointment to the Task Force and looks forward to working with The State Foundation on Cultural and the Arts and the other members of the task force toward the establishment of just such a museum.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.