

**SB-315-SD-1**

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Testimony for CAI on 3/24/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rona Ikehara-Quebral	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha All,

I support SB315 SD1 to increase funding for the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. The Bishop Museum is the largest museum in the state and is the cultural repository of the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Oceanic materials, including artifacts and archival materials. This collection is not only unique and irreplaceable, but it is crucial in educating youth and island visitors regarding the cultural practices and heritage of the Hawaiian Islands. Please preserve the legacy of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, her family's gift to future generations of Hawai'i. Mahalo for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

Rona Michi Ikehara-Quebral

International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc.



March 24, 2021

Representative Gates, Chair  
Representative LoPresti, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs  
Conference Room 329  
Hawai'i State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of **SB 315 SD1**, Relating to the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History

Aloha Chair Gates, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the trustees of the Charles Reed Bishop Trust, I'm writing to support SB 315 SD1, Relating to the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

The Museum stewards more than 25 million catalogued objects, and actively generates and shares knowledge associated with its collections. Its work supports over 50 state and federal government agencies, departments, and affiliated organizations; and without whom many basic questions concerning Hawaii's people, plants, and animals could not be answered with efficiency and confidence. 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's 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 the Museum's committed staff to protect Hawai'i's irreplaceable collections and primary source knowledge, which is a global resource essential for the perpetuation of our natural and cultural heritage. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this important bill.

Mahalo piha,

Kanani Harris  
Trust Coordinator



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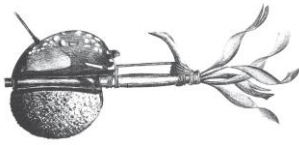
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Mahalo piha.



## SOCIETY FOR HAWAIIAN ARCHAEOLOGY

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TO: Rep. Cedric Asuega Gates, Chair  
Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs

FROM: Mara Mulrooney, Ph.D.  
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HEARING: March 24, 2021, 11:00 AM, Conference Room 329

SUBJECT: Testimony in **support** of SB 315 SD1, Relating to The State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History

I am Mara Mulrooney, President of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 150 members including professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation. On behalf of SHA, we **support** and offer comments on SB 315 SD1, Relating to The State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

The intent of SB 315 is to provide adequate resources to enable the staff of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum to continue protecting their irreplaceable collections, including millions of artifacts and archival materials that reflect the cultural heritage of Hawai'i and the broader Pacific region.

As the State Museum of Hawai'i, Bishop Museum's work is of great cultural, scientific, and intrinsic value to the State and it is imperative that the State of Hawai'i support this important institution on a regular basis to ensure that its operations are adequately funded. Bishop Museum stewards the world's largest collection of Hawaiian and Oceanic materials, including unique and irreplaceable collections of cultural artifacts and archival 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. These have great importance to cultural practices and the heritage of the Hawaiian Islands as well. In addition, the Museum provides vital educational programs and resources to support the educational development of Hawai'i's school age children, and the museum works in collaboration with the University of Hawaii to train archaeologists and other professionals to enter the workforce and contribute to historic preservation initiatives. These activities are of tremendous importance to the State and to the work of my organization.

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

<https://hawaiianarchaeology.org/>

The Society for Hawaiian Archaeology is a registered tax-exempt organization established in 1980 to promote and stimulate interest and research in the archaeology of the Hawaiian Islands, encourage a more rational public appreciation of the aims and limitations of archaeological research, serve as a bond among those interested in Hawaiian archaeology, both professionals and non-professionals, and aid in directing their efforts into more scientific channels as well as encourage the publication of their results, advocate and assist in the conservation of archaeological data, discourage unethical commercialism in the archaeological field and work for its elimination.

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Regina K. Hilo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo for receiving my testimony,

Regina K. Hilo