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Statement of  
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before the  
**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND ARTS**

Wednesday, March 29, 2023  
3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of  
**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144 / SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 148  
REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH  
A MUSEUM OF MODERN HAWAII HISTORY TASK FORCE**

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Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in support of the intent of SR144/SCR148, requesting the establishment of a Museum of Modern Hawai'i History will build on the stories and history told by other partner institutions and allow residents and tourists to learn about and reflect upon the State's rich history and global achievements in the modern statehood era.

As mentioned within the resolution, Hawai'i has a diverse array of museums showcasing the deep history and culture of the Hawaiian Islands from early native Hawaiian history and culture to the overthrow era. A space to showcase and highlight monumental moments within statehood is important and having a space to do so continues to perpetuate and share Hawai'i's breadth of culture and history.

We support the intent of SR144/SCR148 and stand ready to accept a position and have a designee appointed to the Museum of Modern Hawai'i History task force.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.