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Written Testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill 14, CD2, which will provide support for the organizing and planning for the Festival of Pacific Arts in 2020 and funding for the Kaka'ako Art Gallery and Performing Arts Center. Every four years, representatives of 27 Pacific island countries come together in one of the longest-running and largest celebrations of indigenous culture in the world - The Festival of Pacific Arts. This will be the first time since 1972, when the festival began, that Hawai'i will host this prestigious festival. The City & County of Honolulu will be the host of the Festival at locations all around O'ahu. Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to learn from, engage with and share in the celebration of art, culture, music and dance from 27 Pacific Island nations in one location. I was fortunate to be a member of the 1980 and 2004 contingency representing Hawaii at the Festival of Pacific Arts and I know first hand the value of this event as a cultural gathering, educational platform and cross cultural experience for all who attend. I would also like to support the Kaka'ako Art Gallery &

Performing Arts Center. This facility is an integral part of the Ola Ka 'Ilima Artspace affordable housing project. This facility will provide much needed creative space that will support and strengthen the arts community and central location where artists, residents and visitors can gather to create new works and share in the rich cultural heritage of Honolulu.

**Testimony
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