

EDB Committee

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Aloha EDB—

Attached is testimony our office received to forward to EDB committee regarding EDB-72.

Thank you,
Office of Councilmember Riki Hokama
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February 5, 2020

The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Maui Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Alice Kagawa Parrott Family Trust we would like to urge the Maui County Council to reinstall the tapestry of the "Seal of Maui," which was created by Alice Kagawa Parrott, to the Council Chamber. This important work was commissioned by the County in 1972 and has been an integral part of the Chambers until it was removed last year.

Alice Kagawa Parrott was born and raised in Hawaii, and many of her most important works are collected on the islands, including her monumental work at the Maui Community College Library entitled "The Royal Cape." One of her tapestries, "Palaka," which is a tribute to the immigrant workers in Hawaii, is in the permanent collection of the Hawaii State Art Museum in Honolulu.

The work of Alice Kagawa Parrott is also in the collections of numerous museums around the world, including the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Crafts, the Albuquerque Museum and the National Museum of Decorative Arts in Norway. She was a Fellow of the American Craft Council. Her work was included in the exhibition *Pathmakers: Women in Art and Design* at the Museum of Art and Design in NYC, and will be included in *Scandinavian Design and the United States*, at the Milwaukee Art Museum in May, 2020.

In 2019 her papers were archived in the Smithsonian Museum's *Archives of American Art*, including photographs and papers relating to her six month Artist-in-Residence in Maui in 1976, where she taught classes and workshops to dozens of Maui residents and schoolchildren.

We urge the Council to return the tapestry of the Seal of Maui to its place of honor in the Council Chamber.

Thank you,

Paul Kagawa, Trustee
Diane Leavitt, Trustee

The Alice Kagawa Parrott Family Trust