MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND TE PAPA TONGAREWA

FILE NOTE

DATE: 22/12/20 SUBJECT: Summary of 502691, long-term loan to Bishop Museum

We have received a long-term loan request (10 years) from Bishop Museum, Hawaii. They would like to borrow FE000327; 'ahu 'ula (feathered cloak) and FE000328/2; Mahiole (Helmet) which were given to James Cook by Hawaiian chief Kalani`öpu`u (who had himself been wearing it) on January 26, 1779, at Kealakekua Bay. The taonga were gifted to Dominion Museum/Te Papa in 1912.

The Kaihautū and CEO met with Noa Dettweiler, the Vice President of The Bishop Pauahi Museum, Hawaii, and Mehana Hind from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on 24 April to discuss the desire for these treasures to be returned back to Hawaii. Discussions regarding the cloak and helmet have been taking place with the Kaihautū, The Bishop Museum and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs since March 2014 when staff from the Bishop Museum, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Cultural Practitioners visited Te Papa, Canterbury Museum and the Auckland Museum seeing and reconnecting with Hawaiian treasures.

Meeting Arapata Hakiwai/Catherine Halbleib on 25 Aug 2015

As the cloak and the helmet were gifts to the NZ Nation Kaihautu and Bishop Museum agreed on a 10 year long term loan with the intention to review a formal deaccession in 10 years.

The board has supported the request from Bishop Museum in the Board meeting from 4 June 2015.

All cost of this loan will be covered by Bishop Museum and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Arapata will explore the option of an Air New Zealand sponsorship possibility for the transport of the loan. Bishop Museum will explore a sponsorship possibility with Hawaiian Airlines.

The details of a hand over ceremony will be discussed and arranged by Arapata.

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