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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII ARTS CENTER FOR YOUTH, THE COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, AND THE UNIVERSITY  
LABORATORY SCHOOL TO WORK TOGETHER TO COLLABORATE TO  
ESTABLISH A FACILITY FOR THE HAWAII ARTS CENTER FOR YOUTH  
ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND DOLE  
STREET.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth, a Hawaii  
2 corporation, is a support organization of Ballet Hawaii, Hawaii  
3 Youth Opera Chorus, Hawaii Youth Symphony, and the Honolulu  
4 Theatre for Youth; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the four performing arts organizations directly  
7 provide arts education programming for more than six thousand of  
8 Hawaii's students on all islands each year and indirectly serve  
9 more than 121,000 children, youth, families and seniors through  
10 performances on different islands each year; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the direct correlation between arts education and  
13 improved academic performance is time-honored and proven; and  
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15 WHEREAS, after cumulatively serving Hawaii for more than  
16 one hundred seventy years, Ballet Hawaii, the Hawaii Youth Opera  
17 Chorus, the Hawaii Youth Symphony, and the Honolulu Theatre for  
18 Youth currently lease space in urban Honolulu and have been  
19 forced to relocate many times; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the four performing arts organizations would all  
22 benefit from the development of a facility to co-locate their  
23 combined offices, classroom, rehearsal, and shop space that  
24 would allow for more efficient and effective operations through  
25 shared business practices and shared location; and  
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27 WHEREAS, having permanent, secure space to consider home  
28 would allow each organization to better plan for their future  
29 and expand programming to service even greater numbers of  
30 Hawaii's youth; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the College of Education's University Laboratory  
2 School lost its performing arts facilities in the 2006 on-campus  
3 fire; and

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5 WHEREAS, the development of a Hawaii Arts Center for Youth  
6 on land at University Avenue and Dole Street would be an ideal  
7 location for a joint project that would allow for in-school  
8 programming for University Laboratory School, College of  
9 Education teacher preparation, and out-of-school programming for  
10 the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth constituents, thereby  
11 optimizing the usage of the Center; and

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13 WHEREAS, the location would allow for other University of  
14 Hawaii departments such as theater, dance, and music to utilize  
15 the Center as a natural "laboratory" where university students  
16 can gain training in arts education and engage in collaborative  
17 projects: an ideal place for research and curriculum development  
18 in the performing arts; and

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20 WHEREAS, establishing the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth  
21 would create a national model for arts education, offering a  
22 full spectrum of training and opening the door for innovative  
23 collaborations among different levels of the education continuum  
24 from kindergarten to post-graduate levels; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28 Session of 2007, that this body strongly urges the Hawaii Arts  
29 Center for Youth, the College of Education of the University of  
30 Hawaii, and the University Laboratory School to collaborate on  
31 the establishing of a facility for the Hawaii Arts Center for  
32 Youth on the property located at University Avenue and Dole  
33 Street; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Arts Center for  
36 Youth is requested to submit to the Legislature a report on the  
37 status of the establishment of a Hawaii Arts Center for Youth,  
38 together with findings and recommendations no later than twenty  
39 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and


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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,  
43 the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Director of the  
44 Hawaii Arts Center for Youth, the Chairperson of the Board of



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1 Regents of the University of Hawaii, the Dean of the University  
2 of Hawaii College of Education, and the Interim Principal of the  
3 University Laboratory School.  
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