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