
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO
INVENTORY AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE VALUE OF ALL
STATE-OWNED ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AND IN STORAGE.

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the State Foundation on Culture and
2 the Arts (Foundation) is to promote, perpetuate, preserve, and
3 encourage culture and the arts, history, and the humanities as
4 central to the quality of life of the people of Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, forty years ago, Governor John Burns and a number
7 of other visionary leaders believed that Hawaii's natural beauty
8 should be complemented by artistic beauty to be enjoyed by all
9 our citizens and visitors in public state buildings, such as
10 airports, schools and offices, the state Capitol and later
11 additions, including the Hawaii Convention Center; and
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13 WHEREAS, these leaders persuaded the Legislature to set
14 aside one per cent of all state capital improvement expenditures
15 to buy and commission art for Hawaii's public state buildings, a
16 concept that became known as the art in public places and
17 relocatable works of art programs, a first in the nation that
18 became a model for many other states; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Foundation administers the art in public
21 places and relocatable works of art programs to replace in
22 public state buildings the natural beauty displaced in
23 construction with works of art and, acting with the Comptroller,
24 decides on the specific art objects to acquire and selects
25 artists to commission; and
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27 WHEREAS, the amount spent on commissioned and individual
28 art purchases for the arts in public places and relocatable
29 works of arts programs is carefully monitored by a citizen
30 commission, the Foundation staff, and others in the state
31 administration to be sure it is in line with current prices
32 based upon the size, materials and artisanship; and
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