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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ARTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§9- State poet laureate. (a) There is established
5 within the state foundation on culture and the arts a state poet
6 laureate to be appointed by the governor pursuant to section
7 26-34, except as provided in this section. The governor shall
8 appoint a state poet laureate from a list of three nominees
9 provided by the state foundation on culture and the arts. The
10 appointment shall not be subject to senate confirmation.

11 (b) The state poet laureate shall serve a two-year term
12 and may be reappointed to one additional term.

13 (c) The state poet laureate shall promote the reading,
14 writing, and appreciation of poetry throughout the State and may
15 also be asked to write original poetry commemorating certain
16 events, people, or places.



1 (d) The state poet laureate shall serve without
 2 compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,
 3 including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of duties."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Arts; State Poet Laureate

Description:

Establishes a state poet laureate within the state foundation on culture and the arts.

