
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state foundation
2 on culture and the arts (SFCA) was established by the
3 legislature in 1965, to promote, perpetuate, preserve, and
4 encourage culture and the arts, history, and the humanities as
5 central to the quality of life of the people of Hawaii.

6 Since its inception, SFCA has provided millions of dollars
7 to arts and cultural programming statewide, and the art in
8 public places program, established in 1967, was the first such
9 program in the nation created to help local artists through a
10 separate method of funding the arts by accessing one per cent of
11 the construction cost of new state buildings. Currently, SFCA
12 is responsible for:

- 13 (1) The artists in the schools program, which provides
14 opportunities for K-12 public school students to work
15 with professional artists (established in 1970);
- 16 (2) The folk arts program, initiated through a grant from
17 the National Endowment for the Arts, to promote and



1 perpetuate traditional folk arts throughout the state
2 (1983);

3 (3) The works of art special fund, which created a non-
4 lapsing fund allowing for the long-term planning and
5 completion of public art projects (1989);

6 (4) The individual artist fellowship program to recognize
7 and honor exceptionally talented visual and performing
8 artists (1993); and

9 (5) The Hawaii state art museum, which opened in the fall
10 of 2002 with three galleries featuring artworks from
11 the art in public places collection.

12 In 2008, SFCA grants comprised \$249,000 in state general
13 funds and generated matching funds of \$1,026,000 from private,
14 federal, and other sources. Artists in the schools received
15 \$215,000 in general funds and \$225,000 in private matching
16 funds. Arts first received \$640,391 in state funding and
17 \$1,828,963 in private and federal funds. These three programs
18 alone generated \$3,079,963 in non-state revenue to match
19 \$1,104,391 in state support. It is estimated that these grants
20 partially funded more than two thousand three hundred tax-paying
21 jobs and resulted in arts organizations attracting more than
22 \$12,000,000 to the state's economy!



1 The legislature is concerned that cuts in either program
2 funding or personnel to support these programs will have a
3 widespread detrimental effect on Hawaii's diverse array of
4 culture and arts network of artists, performing arts
5 organizations, museums, galleries and art retailers, ethnic
6 neighborhoods, entertainers, musicians, and school arts programs
7 throughout the state. In addition, Hawaii's unique cultural and
8 arts offerings play an important role in enhancing the Hawaii
9 visitor experience and maintaining a steady flow of visitors to
10 Hawaii's shores from the mainland and overseas.

11 SFCA is also the designated arts agency for partnership
12 with the National Endowment for the Arts, and in its forty-four
13 year association, SFCA has consistently met the National
14 Endowment for the Arts criteria to receive and distribute
15 federal funds. The legislature is concerned that the loss of
16 SFCA staff may jeopardize SFCA's ability to satisfactorily meet
17 federal requirements, which could result in SFCA losing its
18 status as the National Endowment for the Arts partner and
19 eliminate the largest source of public funding for arts in the
20 state.

21 The purpose of this Act is to enhance the fiscal stability
22 of SFCA by authorizing use of the works of art special fund to



1 fund the position costs of the executive director of SFCA and
2 any other employees of SFCA for a five-year period.

3 SECTION 2. Section 103-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) The works of art special fund shall be used solely
6 for the following purposes:

- 7 (1) Costs related to the acquisition of works of art,
8 including any consultant or staff services required to
9 carry out the art in public places and relocatable
10 works of art programs;
- 11 (2) Site modifications, display, and interpretive work
12 necessary for the exhibition of works of art;
- 13 (3) Upkeep services, including maintenance, repair, and
14 restoration of works of art;
- 15 (4) Storing and transporting works of art ~~[]~~; and
- 16 (5) Paying the salary, wage, and fringe benefit costs of
17 the executive director of the state foundation on
18 culture and the arts and any other employee of the
19 foundation hired pursuant to chapter 9."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2112,
2 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2015; provided that section
3 103-8.5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the
4 form in which it read on the day before the effective date of
5 this Act.



Report Title:

State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Staff Funding

Description:

Authorizes the use of moneys from the Works of Art Special Fund for State Foundation on Culture and the Arts personnel costs; use of the fund for personnel costs sunsets June 30, 2015. Effective January 1, 2112. (SB2143 HD1)

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