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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

1 WHEREAS, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts was
2 established by Act 269, Session Laws of Hawaii 1965, as a
3 temporary agency and placed within the Office of the Governor;
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6 WHEREAS, Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii 1970, established
7 the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts on a permanent
8 basis, placed within the Department of Budget and Finance; and

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10 WHEREAS, Act 302, Session Laws of Hawaii 1980, transferred
11 the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts from the Department
12 of Budget and Finance to the Department of Accounting and
13 General Services; and

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15 WHEREAS, since the inception of the State Foundation on
16 Culture and the Arts in 1965, the Legislature has charged the
17 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts with the task of
18 stimulating, guiding, and promoting culture, arts, history, and
19 the humanities throughout the State; and

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21 WHEREAS, across the country, art foundations have evolved
22 to remain relevant, vibrant, and able to play a significant, if
23 not the central role, in promoting culture and the arts in their
24 respective communities; and

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26 WHEREAS, one means of achieving greater relevancy and
27 assistance for Hawaii's arts and cultural communities would be a
28 transfer of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts from
29 the Department of Accounting and General Services to the
30 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and

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1 WHEREAS, such a transfer would provide an opportunity to
2 evaluate successes and best practices from other jurisdictions
3 in refocusing the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and
4 the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's
5 Creative Industries Division to achieve a higher level of
6 business development opportunities for cultural, heritage, and
7 arts programs, as well as leveraging public-private partnerships
8 for financing Hawaii's cultural, heritage, and arts programs;
9 now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
14 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
15 establish a working group to develop recommendations regarding
16 the administrative placement of the State Foundation on Culture
17 and the Arts; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations build upon
20 the current mission of the State Foundation on Culture and the
21 Arts and incorporate Department of Business, Economic
22 Development, and Tourism expertise and support for:

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24 (1) Leveraging public-private financing in support of
25 visual arts, music, design, literature, theater,
26 dance, libraries, museums, and galleries to strengthen
27 Hawaii's cultural sector with expanded funding and
28 raise the grants funding capacity of the State
29 Foundation on Culture and the Arts to cultural
30 business development levels of \$5,000,000 to
31 \$10,000,000 annually;
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33 (2) Developing a strategic plan to expand Hawaii's
34 community arts organizations in order to provide
35 Hawaii residents and visitors with quality cultural
36 experiences; and
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38 (3) Developing a sustainable funding model to support
39 increased investment in cultural, heritage, and arts
40 programming throughout the State; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
43 Economic Development, and Tourism report its findings and
44 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



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1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2013; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved
5 on June 30, 2013; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
9 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Executive
10 Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

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