
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES 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, state arts agencies have
22 evolved to remain relevant, vibrant, and able to play a
23 significant, if not the central role, in promoting culture and
24 the arts in their 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 a
30 department whose mission, assets, and purpose would provide



1 better opportunities for growth and expansion of the agency's
2 purposes and functions; and

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4 WHEREAS, such a transfer would provide an opportunity to
5 evaluate achievements and best practices from other
6 jurisdictions in refocusing the State Foundation on Culture and
7 the Arts, as well as programs from other state agencies, to
8 achieve a higher level of business development opportunities for
9 cultural, heritage, and arts programs, as well as leveraging
10 public-private partnerships for financing Hawaii's cultural,
11 heritage, and arts programs; and

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13 WHEREAS, this would assist the State Foundation on Culture
14 and the Arts ensure that the agency is relevant and responsive
15 to its community needs and audiences as it strives to present
16 all dynamic and diverse art forms in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Accounting and General Services is requested to establish a
22 working group to develop recommendations regarding the
23 administrative placement of the State Foundation on Culture and
24 the Arts; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations build upon
27 the current mission of the State Foundation on Culture and the
28 Arts and incorporate the following objectives:

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30 (1) Leveraging public-private financing in support of
31 visual arts, music, design, literature, theater, and
32 dance to strengthen Hawaii's cultural sector with
33 expanded funding and raise the grants funding capacity
34 of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and
35 its partners to levels of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000
36 annually;
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38 (2) Developing a strategic plan to expand the capacity of
39 Hawaii's cultural, heritage, and arts organizations to
40 provide Hawaii residents and visitors with quality
41 cultural experiences;
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1 (3) Developing a sustainable funding model to support
2 increased investment in cultural, heritage, and arts
3 programming throughout the State;
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5 (4) Recommending changes to State Foundation on Culture
6 and the Arts programs and infrastructure, including
7 broadening the scope of the agency and renaming it, to
8 further the effective implementation of the above-
9 mentioned objectives; and
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11 (5) Collaborating with interested stakeholders from
12 cultural, heritage, and arts agencies, including the
13 Department of Business, Economic Development, and
14 Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources;
15 Hawaii Tourism Authority; Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
16 and Bishop Museum; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
19 and General Services report its findings and recommendations,
20 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
21 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
22 of 2013; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved
25 on June 30, 2013; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller;
29 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
30 Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the
31 Arts; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;
32 Executive Director of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Chief
33 Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and
34 Director of the Bishop Museum.

