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TESTIMONY OF  
STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
ON  
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SCR 109 SD 1

Chairs Hanohano and Wooley, Vice Chairs Lee and Belatti, and members of the committees, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I am pleased to offer testimony on SCR 109 SD 1.

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts empathizes with the Hawaiian people, who have gained and lost so much through their affiliation with the United States of America. As this resolution eloquently documents, the plight of Hawaii's last queen, the beloved Liliuokalani, was trying and unjust. In that light, honoring the efforts of President Grover Cleveland to support the monarchy is fitting.

The SFCA's Collections Policy Manual, section 2.4.11 on commemorative artwork states that the commissioning or acquisition of commemorative artwork "except for commissioning the State's official portrait of the governor," is disallowed. We therefore support SD 1, which allows the SFCA to partner with another entity or other entities to obtain or source out a work of art, either visual or literary, in President Cleveland's name.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.