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TESTIMONY OF
STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
AND TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
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SCR 109 / SR 53

Chair Galuteria, Vice Chair Ryan; Chair Espero; Vice Chair

Kidani, 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/SR 53.

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts empathizes with
the Hawaiian people, whom history has both blessed and challenged on
the issue of annexation to the United States of America. As this
resolution eloquently documents, the plight of Hawaii's last queen, the
beloved Liliuokalani, was trying and unjust. The SFCA is supporting
SB 2268 relating to a modification on the inscription of the Queen's
statue to reflect the historical accuracy of her reign. The inscription
modification acknowledges the rightful term and sovereign rule of her
majesty.

In keeping with that effort, honoring the efforts of President
Grover Cleveland in support of the monarchy is a viable suggestion.
However, 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.

As to the suggestion that the commemorative work might be literary in nature, we suggest that an advisory committee to include an SFCA representative be convened for discussion purposes in FY 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you.

