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SCR 57 SD1

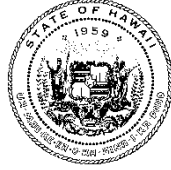
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE
AND THE ARTS**

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee.

We support the intent of SCR 57, SD1, which requests the Department of Accounting and General Services establish a working group to develop recommendations, evaluate best practices, and develop a sustainable funding model to support the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and its grants programs, as well as recommendations regarding the administrative placement of the agency and to report these findings to the Legislature prior to the 2013 session.

SFCA has been a collaborator with DBEDT and its Creative Industries Division over the past years and we welcome the opportunity to work together with the agencies and stakeholders outlined in this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.



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WRITTEN COMMENTS
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S.C.R. 57, S.D. 1

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Chair Ige and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on S.C.R. 57, S.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of S.C.R. 57, S.D.1 and provides the following comments.

First, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) should be the agency to establish the working group. It is important for the Commissioners and Executive Director of the SFCA to lead and be an integral part of the working group as five (5) objectives identified in S.C.R. 57, S.D. 1 will require their commitment to solicit and secure private funding for a sustainable funding model. Additionally, the Commissioners and Executive Director will also

need to develop the strategic plan to implement the program changes and more importantly the scope of the agency. Because of the critical involvement of the Commissioners and Executive Director in the implementation of these initiatives, it will be imperative that they agree with the changes and direction the organization will take. Having them as an integral part of the process will help to ensure that. Second, the number of members and composition of the working group should be identified. DAGS suggests that if the composition of members cannot be determined, that the number of members be limited to seven (7) so as not to be too unwieldy and to ensure that the working group can accomplish its tasks.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on this matter.