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WRITTEN COMMENTS OF  
STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON

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SCR 57 SD 1

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Ige, and members of the committee, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I am pleased to offer written comments on SCR 57 SD 1.

First of all, allow me to express the appreciation of the SFCA Commission and myself to Senator Fukunaga and the Committee on EDT for the vision and encouragement that SCR 57 SD 1 represents. We can only accomplish a fair review of our organization with the leadership and support of our lawmakers.

We are in agreement with SCR 57 SD 1, which will address the following objectives:

1. Where the SFCA as an attached agency should be placed in State government;
2. How the SFCA can address financial sustainability and a substantially increased budget by 2014;
3. The adoption of a new strategic plan to guide the agency through FY2019 and a working cultural policy over a designated period of time; and
4. Adjustments as appropriate to programs and/or infrastructure for the purposes of sustainability.

We are also pleased that the working group will include other state

agencies, our constituents in the community and prominent organizations in culture and arts such as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Bishop Museum,

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