
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO
DISPLAY ALL WORKS OF ART IN ITS COLLECTION AND TO MAKE
PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET PHOTOGRAPHS AND
INFORMATION OF EVERY WORK OF ART IN THE FOUNDATION'S
COLLECTION.

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the State Foundation on Culture and
2 the Arts (Foundation) is to promote, perpetuate, preserve, and
3 encourage culture and the arts, history, and the humanities as
4 central to the quality of life of the people of Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, forty years ago, Governor John A. Burns and a
7 number of other visionary leaders believed that Hawaii's natural
8 beauty should be complemented by artistic beauty to be enjoyed
9 by residents and visitors in public state buildings, such as
10 airports, schools, offices, the State Capitol and later
11 additions, including the Hawaii Convention Center; and
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13 WHEREAS, these leaders persuaded the Legislature to set
14 aside one per cent of all state capital improvement expenditures
15 to buy and commission art for Hawaii's public state buildings, a
16 concept that became known as the art in public places program, a
17 first in the nation that became a model for many other states;
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20 WHEREAS, the Foundation administers the art in public
21 places program to replace in public state buildings the natural
22 beauty displaced in construction with works of art and, acting
23 with the Comptroller, decides on the specific art objects to
24 acquire, and selects artists to commission; and
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26 WHEREAS, the amount spent on commissioned and individual
27 art purchases for the arts in public places and relocatable
28 works of arts programs is carefully monitored by a citizen
29 commission, the Foundation staff, and others in the state
30 administration; and
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32 WHEREAS, only five thousand of the six thousand five
33 hundred art pieces in the Foundation's collection, about



1 seventy-five percent, are currently displayed in public places
2 with the remainder in storage or otherwise inaccessible to the
3 public; and

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5 WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2010-2011, the Foundation
6 purchased forty-four relocatable works of art at a cost of
7 \$83,646.28; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2013, that the State Foundation on Culture and the
12 Arts is requested to display all works of art in the
13 Foundation's collection; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
16 and the Arts is requested to photograph every work of art in the
17 Foundation's collection and make the photographs publicly
18 available on an internet website with a description and current
19 location on each piece of art; and

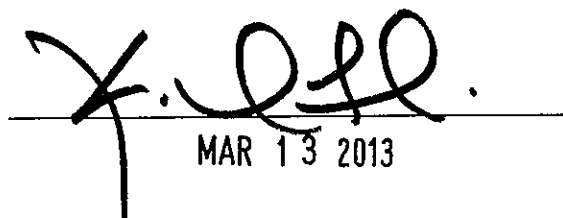
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Information Officer
22 is requested to assist the State Foundation on Culture and the
23 Arts in implementing an online database of every work of art in
24 the Foundation's collection, including a search feature that
25 allows the public to access information on the works of art by
26 artist, date of creation, and current location; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
29 and the Arts is requested to submit a report to the Legislature
30 on its actions taken to implement the intent of this measure not
31 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014
32 Regular Session; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the State
36 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the Chairperson of the Board
37 of Commissioners of the State Foundation on Culture and the
38 Arts, and the Chief Information Officer.

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