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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,  
11 that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is requested  
12 to display all works of art in the Foundation's collection; and  
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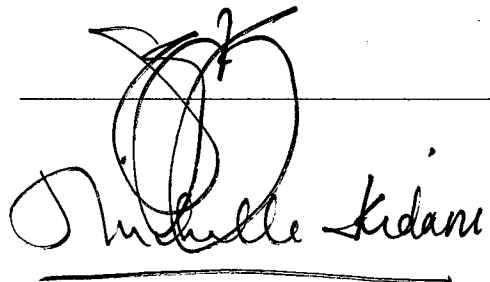
14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture  
15 and the Arts is requested to photograph every work of art in the  
16 Foundation's collection and make the photographs publicly  
17 available on an internet website with a description and current  
18 location on each piece of art; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Information Officer  
21 is requested to assist the State Foundation on Culture and the  
22 Arts in implementing an online database of every work of art in  
23 the Foundation's collection, including a search feature that  
24 allows the public to access information on the works of art by  
25 artist, date of creation, and current location; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture  
28 and the Arts is requested to submit a report to the Legislature  
29 on its actions taken to implement the intent of this measure not  
30 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014  
31 Regular Session; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the State  
35 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the Chairperson of the Board  
36 of Commissioners of the State Foundation on Culture and the  
37 Arts, and the Chief Information Officer.  
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