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TESTIMONY OF  
BARBARA SAROMINES-GANNE  
TO  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS  
ON  
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GM 773

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Chair Wakai and members of the Committee, I am Barbara Saromines-Ganne, Chairperson of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission, and I am testifying as an individual. I am pleased to support G.M. 773, nominating Julia Steele to the SFCA Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

I am particularly excited about the work in which we will be able to involve Ms. Steele as a Board member. She is currently the editor of *Hana Ho!*, Hawaii's largest magazine, with a circulation of 105,000. She has extensive experience that includes working the airwaves at Hawai'i Pacific Radio and founding *Honolulu Weekly*.

Ms. Steele obtained her law doctorate from Stanford University and has practiced law in both California and Hawai'i. Her undergraduate work at the University of Hawai'i was in journalism and Pacific history.

The SFCA is planning to develop its ability to work with the media to more broadly promote the work of the agency and the Hawai'i State Art Museum. In this regard, Ms. Steele's experience and representation on the Board would be of vital importance and impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you.