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**TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
ON
MARCH 20, 2013
HCR 116 / HR 87**

Chair Takai and members of the Committee, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. I am pleased to support House Concurrent Resolution 116 / House Resolution 87, provided passage of these resolutions do not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts opened the Hawai'i State Art Museum in 2002 to house and display the Art in Public Places Art Collection, which was created in the name of the people of Hawai'i. Our interest has always been to share Hawaii's history and culture with our residents and visitors through sharing the collection and providing educational programming for intergenerational audiences developed around the Collection.

Today, HiSAM exhibitions at any given time are free to the public and accessible to all visitors. We have hosted thousands of public and private school students in our brief history and have worked with many of them in our Art Bento Program, which provides hands-on art workshops in a variety of media.

Every year the State Foundation hosts the Scholastic Art Exhibition at HiSAM, giving students a rare opportunity to enter an art competition and for their work to be seen in a quality venue. We also host Second Saturdays in the museum to encourage the art experience for children and their families.

Most assuredly, we can do more. We are currently renovating a space in the No. 1 Capitol District Building to provide a much more appropriate venue for children and young people to create art. In the coming months, we will be addressing a new strategic plan and will introduce new programs to be developed for the youth of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your continued support of our progress on behalf of educating the children and youth of Hawai'i and for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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HR87

Submitted on: 3/18/2013

Testimony for VMI on Mar 20, 2013 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support urgent passage of bill to allow people of hawaii to get involved in drawing and rt of hawaii culture.

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LATE TESTIMONY

Committee: House Committee on Veterans, Military and International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts (VMI)

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 20, 2013
8:30 am

Re: Testimony in Support
HR87/HCR116 ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII STATE
FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO UTILIZE THE
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM TO INCLUDE MORE ART
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN.

Dear Chairman Takai, Vice Chairman Ito and Members of the VMI Committee:

My name is Ethan Ho and I am a 5th grade student at Gus Webling Elementary.

Art is important, not just to me, but for all students. It is true that learning reading and math gives us skills we will need to survive in society. But subjects like art and music promote creative thinking, which is necessary for us to become the problem solvers of the future. Additionally, art is a way for students to share themselves and their cultures with others.

Our art class in 5th grade is a great example of how art promotes creative thinking and self-expression. Once a week, my classmates and I learn to make chalk pictures, weave yarn, sketch, and more. Some of my classmates who have trouble in reading and math are good at art. They enjoy art, and so do I!

Therefore, I support HR87/HCR116.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on HR87/HCR116.

Sincerely,

Ethan Ho

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Dear Chairman Takai, Vice Chairman Ito and Members of the VMI Committee:

My name is Logan Ho. I am a 2nd grade student at Gus Webling Elementary.

Art is important to me because it helps me express what I am thinking about without worrying about spelling or writing correctly. I wish that I could draw or paint better so other people can understand my thoughts more.

I participate in art by drawing, coloring, cutting, and pasting during subjects such as Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts. We are not really taught about art in second grade at our school.

I support HR87/HCR116.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on HR87/HCR116.

Sincerely,

Logan Ho

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Dear Chairman Takai, Vice Chairman Ito and Members of the VMI Committee:

My name is Erin Morinaga.

I think that we should support art in school because it allows you to be creative and you can express yourself in different ways. There are no right or wrong answers when you are doing art, unlike other school subjects such as math.

I support HR87/HCR116.

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Sincerely,

Erin Morinaga

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Dear Chairman Takai, Vice Chairman Ito and Members of the VMI Committee:

My name is Jaymie Nomura.

I think that art is important because it helps people to express themselves and be creative. Art is an activity that helps children showcase their talents through drawings.

I support HR87/HCR116.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on HR87/HCR116.

Sincerely,

Jaymie Nomura

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Dear Chairman Takai, Vice Chairman Ito and Members of the VMI Committee:

My name is Raelyn Yoshioka.

The arts are important because music can help your brain function better. Art expresses your feelings.

I support HR87/HCR116.

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Sincerely,

Raelyn Yoshioka

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Dear Chairman Takai, Vice Chairman Ito and Members of the VMI Committee:

My name is Kaila Takai. I am a 4th grade student at Waimalu Elementary School.

I think that arts are important because it gives a chance for kids to express their talent. It lets kids show what they are capable of. All I'm saying is that arts are good.

I support HR87/HCR116.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on HR87/HCR116.

Sincerely,

Kaila Takai

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Dear Chairman Takai, Vice Chairman Ito and Members of the VMI Committee:

My name is Matthew Takai. I am a 6th grade student at Waimalu Elementary School.

The arts are important because they let kids be creative and express themselves in other ways.

I support HR87/HCR116.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on HR87/HCR116.

Sincerely,

Matthew Takai