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LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
AND
TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
ON
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SCR 10

Chair Espero, Chair Wakai, and members of the Committees, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. I am pleased to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

The contributions of the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye to the people of Hawaii and to Hawaii's development as a vibrant and respected state in the nation merits more than a single effort to memorialize him. The late senator has earned a place in the hearts of the people of Hawaii. The commissioning of a work of art to honor his legacy and outstanding contributions to our state and our people will inspire generations to come. It is a most fitting tribute that will last in perpetuity.

The Honorable Patsy T. Mink also dedicated her life to representing Hawaii in the United States Congress. It is fitting that we honor her memory as well.

The State Foundation's Collections Policy for the Art in Public Places Collection stipulates that the SFCA cannot initiate commemorative works of art, including memorials. However, S.B. 614, SD1 will make it possible for our agency to respond to a mandate from the Legislature. Requesting Hawaii's Congressional delegation to seek matching funds for these commemorative works of art is a plausible solution to the high cost of permanent sculptures.

The State Foundation's Works of Art Special Fund currently operates with a cash balance of \$2.5 million in any given year. These funds are designated for commissioning works of art raised through construction of a building. In the case of commemorative works of art, construction of a building is usually not part of the process. Therefore, funds appropriated by the Legislature and Congress would be ideally suited to meet the required costs.

We acknowledge the lasting legacy to our beloved state by the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye and the late United States Representative Patsy T. Mink. It is our fervent wish to honor them in perpetuity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.