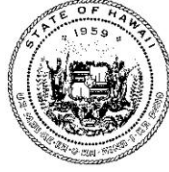


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Chair Takai and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.C.R. 167.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of H.C.R. 167 and will work collaboratively with the task force and other interested parties if Legislative funding, which does not adversely impact the Executive Budget, is provided to effectuate the purpose of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

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Chair Takai and members of the committee, I am Barbara Saromines-Ganne, Chairperson of the Commission on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I am pleased to convey the support of the SFCA Commission and staff of this gesture to celebrate a half century of hard work, creative vision, and encouragement to further the arts and cultural understanding in Hawai'i. We have advanced the vitality of Hawai'i's art and culture worldwide, and strengthened Hawai'i as a cultural destination, as well as an ideal place for a vacation.

Our programs in Folk and Traditional Arts, Arts Education and Biennium Grants are known statewide for quality work, strong community partnerships, and zesty, creative programming. The Hawai'i State Art Museum, the youngest component of our ohana, is gradually establishing itself as a key cultural location in the Capitol District. And, of course, our stellar Art in Public Places Program is a national model in public arts programming, as well as a resource for local artists through which to become known, respected, and seen.

The SFCA Commission welcomes working with the task force to plan a simple and memorable celebration for our accomplishments, our service to the people of Hawai'i, and our vision for future generations of residents and visitors.

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We also request that you consider adding two Commissioners to the task force to represent the many wonderful gubernatorial appointees that have served the SFCA over the years

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on this matter