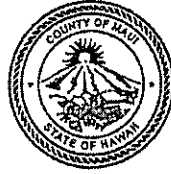


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AND

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RELATING TO THE WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND

Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 10:25 a.m., Conference Rm. 211

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

And Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair

Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of **SB 2620** relating to the Works of Art Special Fund. I support SB 2620 for the following reasons:

- The intent of this measure is to provide new opportunities for public exhibition of the State Foundation on Culture and Arts' collections in federal, state and county buildings.
- I am told that 32% of the State's 7,000 pieces of purchased artwork are currently sitting in storage. It seems a shame to spend tax dollars on art acquisition, and then not display the art for public enjoyment.
- As the neighbor islands' federal, state and county buildings serve the entire public and have a lot of foot-traffic these would be wonderful venues to display this artwork.

For these reasons, I can support SB 2620 confident that the legislature, prior to making a final decision on the matter, will be considering any comments or concerns raised by other state agencies, including the Department of Transportation and the Department of Accounting and General Services.