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The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Technology and the Arts
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Wakai & Committee Members:

SB 2620 – Relating Works of Art Special Fund

I am Marilyn Cristofori the Chief Executive Officer of Hawai'i Arts Alliance. The Arts Alliance is a private charitable organization that serves schools, artists, teachers, parents, children, individuals and arts organizations statewide. Hawai'i Arts Alliance is part of two national networks: Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education (The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts) and the Americans for the Arts, the national arts advocacy organization.

Each year for the past 20 years, we have supported various proposed legislation that would designate funds for the performing arts in Hawai'i. At the same time, we consistently maintain that the 1% Art in Public Places fund (works of art special fund) should not be altered or raided for any purpose. In order to endorse your good intentions to support the very deserving performing arts, we recommend that the fund be increased **by 0.5% or more accompanied by designated staff to plan and oversee this designation.**

The Arts Alliance advocates on behalf of all the arts in Hawai'i in visual and performing disciplines. We do not encourage any division within the arts community. All the arts contribute to a healthy and vital economy and are the center for creativity in our communities, schools and daily lives.

With aloha,

Marilyn Cristofori
Chief Executive Officer