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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A SURVEY  
AND EVALUATION OF ARTIST RELOCATION PROGRAMS AND THEIR  
POTENTIAL FOR CREATION IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, many communities have discovered that often the  
2 greatest natural resource a community has are the artists and  
3 crafts persons who are part of the creative industries sector of  
4 the economy; and  
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6           WHEREAS, artists and craft persons are living resources  
7 that are always renewable, and even importable, and communities  
8 may build an entire economic sector around artists, craft  
9 persons, performing artists, writers, and the culture they  
10 create; and  
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12           WHEREAS, in 2000 the City of Paducah, located at the  
13 confluence of the Tennessee and Ohio rivers in western Kentucky,  
14 started an "artist relocation program" that has become a  
15 national model for using the arts for economic development and  
16 fostered an environment where artists and the arts could  
17 flourish; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the goals of the program were to revitalize one of  
20 Paducah's most historic neighborhoods through the arts,  
21 accomplished by the city's offering properties at little cost in  
22 return for agreement with various conditions of renovation and  
23 basing entrepreneurial activities in the arts at the properties  
24 located in the model art district community--a place to create,  
25 live, and work; and  
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27           WHEREAS, private-public partnering was a critical element  
28 in the success of the Paducah artist relocation program, which  
29 involved innovative financing arrangements with community  
30 partner banks for the artists/residents, and public incentives



1 including low cost property sales and zoning accommodations  
2 through the city planning department; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Paducah's artist relocation program has created a  
5 breeding ground for creative concepts as neighbors create  
6 synergies that optimize their potential, and the  
7 artists/entrepreneurs impact the city's local cultural  
8 industries and serve as gateways to national and international  
9 markets; now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative  
14 Reference Bureau, in consultation with the State Foundation on  
15 Culture and the Arts and the Creative Industries Division of the  
16 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, is  
17 requested to conduct a survey and evaluation of artist  
18 relocation programs run by state governments and the potential  
19 for creation of such a program in the State of Hawaii; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
22 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
23 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
25 the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
29 Legislative Reference Bureau; Executive Director of the State  
30 Foundation on Culture and the Arts; and Administrator of the  
31 Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business,  
32 Economic Development, and Tourism.

