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

