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**TESTIMONY OF  
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND INTERNATIONAL  
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**February 9, 2015**

**H. B. 1424**

**RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL AREA**

Chair Ito and members of the committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I am pleased to offer testimony on H.B.1424.

The Hawaii State Capitol area has served as the site of government since the Kingdom of Hawaii. It is important that the appropriate placement of monuments be facilitated with sensitivity and respect.

The SFCA supports the concepts to create a Memorial Mall on the Hotel Street pedestrian mall and create a working group convened by the SFCA to revisit the placement of the Spirit of Lili'uokalani statue. The SFCA does not support the establishment of the final location and appearance of any memorials and markers through this bill. The SFCA recommends forming an Art Advisory Committee (AAC) following the SFCA's collection management policy for all new works of art. AAC's assist with the selection of location, define the medium and theme of the work of art, recommend an artist, and review design proposals. Members may include, but not be limited to, those identified in H.B. 1424.

SFCA supports the future appropriation of funding to implement the proposed intent, provided doing so does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.