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**TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

February 16, 2017

**H. B. 1225
RELATING TO THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII STATE
CAPITOL**

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 grateful for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of H.B.1225.

In 2019, Hawaii has an opportunity to celebrate one of its unique and historically rich landmarks, our state Capitol. Completed on March 15, 1969, our Capitol is the centerpiece of the Hawaii Capitol Historical District and a testament to our unique state.

Per Senate Concurrent Resolution 81, the 2016 Hawaii State Senate requested the establishment of a task force to plan and coordinate the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Hawaii State Capitol. Examples of activities and events for consideration by the task force include: a content rich and professionally prepared exhibition to celebrate and inform experts and the general public, a symposium on the State Capitols formation and building, and tours of the Capitol.

SB1074 provides the necessary resources to honor our State Capitol and to inform future generations of this great symbol of the 50th state. This celebration will encourage public understanding of the history and purpose of the Hawaii State Capitol, and through that appreciation, the heritage and character of Hawaii.

This legislation supports the Task Force's future recommendations, implementation, and the ability to lead, manage, produce and deliver a series of events and products.

The Capitols anniversary provides an opportune moment to seek ideas for a vision for the capitol. The symposium proceedings, discussion and feedback can provide direction for an illustrated vision for the future of the complex.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, &
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Re: SB1225 RELATING TO THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL.

Appropriates funds to SFCA to fund celebrations for the 50th
anniversary of the Hawaii state capitol. Appropriates funds.

For hearing on Thursday, February 16, 2017

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT, WITH PROPOSED ADDITION

Dear legislators, it's wonderful to plan for celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Hawaii state Capitol in 2019.

But of course there would be no state Capitol unless there were a State of Hawaii.

And as it happens, 2019 will also be the 60th anniversary of Hawaii statehood.

Therefore please amend this resolution to broaden it to include planning for celebration of both the 50th anniversary of the Capitol and the 60th anniversary of Hawaii Statehood. Why not have both celebrations combined into a single event? Save money and appeal to a wider audience.