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**TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

S. B. 1074

RELATING TO THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL

Chair Tokuda 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 S.B. 1074.

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. There is also an opportunity to develop products including a professionally produced documentary video and an exhibition catalogue written and illustrated for a general and scholarly audience.

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 testimony on this matter.

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Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Thursday, February 23, 2017; 9:30 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 1074
RELATING TO THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL**

The Hawaii State Capitol is such a beautiful symbol of our State. There is so much incorporated into the design of the building. For example, each of the chambers reflect volcanoes that lead to an open roof above the rotunda. The columns that symbolizes coconut palm trees that rise from the reflecting pool which demonstrates that we are an island state. The impact of the State Capitol building is not limited to its symbolism.

The Hawaii State Capitol also earned its reputation for being one of the most open Capitol Buildings in the country. With its functional value for meetings and discussions increased by the wide-open spaces around the railings on the third and fourth floors, it facilitated communication and identifying where legislators and others were. We do note that following 9/11 there have been a number of changes that has improved security but also limited access .

Therefore, the ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 1074 as a forward-thinking vehicle for celebrating the Capitol's fiftieth anniversary. It will not only be an opportunity to celebrate many ideas related to the Capitol building, but can serve as an opportunity to celebrate and recognize much good work and many individuals who have contributed so much to the betterment of our State.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 1074. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Re: SB 1074 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 23, 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.