
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO CREATE A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A HAWAII STATE THEATER SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, numerous historic theaters located across the
2 State have facilitated meaningful cultural and community
3 experiences for generations of Hawaii residents and visitors;
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Theater Center, the second largest
7 proscenium performance facility in the State, and the only
8 remaining theater of its type in Hawaii, has been recognized
9 nationally for its historic, architectural, and community
10 significance; and

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12 WHEREAS, in addition to the Hawaii Theater Center,
13 residents and visitors to the State have enjoyed significant
14 intangible benefits provided by other historic theaters,
15 including the: Aloha Theater, Honokaa People's Theater, and
16 Palace Theater, all located in the County of Hawaii; Historic
17 Waimea Theater, located in the County of Kauai; and Iao Theater,
18 located in the County of Maui; and

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20 WHEREAS, many of the historic theaters in the State have
21 served the community for many decades, without the benefit of an
22 organized system of support by their peers, their communities,
23 or the State; and

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25 WHEREAS, developing a plan for a Hawaii state theater
26 system that would allow these significant historic and community
27 institutions to continue to thrive in the coming years by
28 offering concrete ways to support these irreplaceable theater
29 facilities and bolster theater staff, events, and educational
30 programming; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
3 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests the
4 Hawaii Theater Center to convene a Hawaii State Theater System
5 Task Force to create a plan for the establishment of a Hawaii
6 state theater system; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan created by the Hawaii
9 State Theater System Task Force is requested to include:

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11 (1) Identification of the collective needs among historic
12 theaters and any concrete measures that can be taken
13 to address the identified needs;
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15 (2) A clear articulation of a vision and mission for a
16 Hawaii state theater system; and
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18 (3) Recommendations regarding State support of the
19 historic theaters; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Theater System
22 Task Force comprise a coalition of representatives of historic
23 theaters in the State, including the following members:

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25 (1) A representative of the Hawaii Theater Center, to be
26 selected by the Hawaii Theater Center Board of
27 Directors;
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29 (2) A representative of the Aloha Theater, to be selected
30 by the Aloha Theater Board of Directors;
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32 (3) A representative of the Historic Waimea Theater, to be
33 selected by the Historic Waimea Theater Board of
34 Directors;
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36 (4) A representative of the Honokaa People's Theater, to
37 be selected by the owner of the Honokaa People's
38 Theater;
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40 (5) A representative of Maui OnStage at the Historic Iao
41 Theater, to be selected by the Maui OnStage Board of
42 Directors; and



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1 (6) A representative of the Palace Theater, to be selected
2 by the Palace Theater Board of Directors; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the selected representative of
5 the Hawaii Theater Center shall serve as chair of the Hawaii
6 State Theater System Task Force; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Hawaii State
9 Theater System Task Force invite representatives from other
10 related entities to participate in the task force, as
11 appropriate; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Theater System
14 Task Force is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of
15 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the Regular Session of 2021; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
21 Administrator of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
22 State Historic Preservation Division; chairs of the boards of
23 directors of the Hawaii Theater Center, Aloha Theater, Historic
24 Waimea Theater, Maui OnStage at the Historic Iao Theater, and
25 Palace Theater; and owner of the Honokaa People's Theater.
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