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**TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
May 15, 2020 1:00p.m. Rm 229**

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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CLYDE SAKAMOTO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Taniguchi 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 testify in **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Mr. Clyde Sakamoto to serve as a commissioner for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Mr. Sakamoto represents the Island of Maui, is a Maui resident and chancellor emeritus of University of Hawai'i, Maui College. While at Maui College, Mr. Sakamoto successfully gathered wide support to advance the college in many ways including the change from a two-year college to a four-year college. Mr. Sakamoto's experience in Hawaii's higher education system and his understanding of the need to develop creative skills is beneficial to the commission.

As the SFCA's role in arts education expands through the Arts in Education and Art in Public Places Programs, the SFCA is pleased to welcome the reappointment of Mr. Sakamoto, a veteran educator and administrator, to work with us. Since first appointed, Mr. Sakamoto has made a favorable contribution in support of the SFCA and its mission to promote, perpetuate, preserve, and encourage culture and the arts for the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Sakamoto's nomination.