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TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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H. B. 1374

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE STATE FOUNDATION
ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Onishi 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.1374.

The No. 1 Capitol District Building, Site & Accessibility Improvements project includes the design and construction of improvements to the facility and site to accommodate increased access and building use. These improvements include renovation of building walkway and entrance for ADA access, relocation of property entrance, expansion of vehicular drop off/pick up area and other improvements to make the facility more accessible to the increasing numbers of school children and the general public.

In 1928, the Army Navy YMCA opened on Hotel Street serving young men stationed in Hawaii. The Hemmeter Corporation purchased the property in 1987 and completed an extensive renovation including the construction of the wall surrounding the property. In 2000, the State purchased the building and in 2002 the Hawaii State Art Museum (HiSAM) opened on the second floor.

The Hawai'i State Art Museum is of and for the people of Hawai'i. It advances SFCA's mission by providing broadly accessible educational programs, exhibitions, and activities that promote and encourage the excellence and diversity of the arts and culture of Hawai'i. Over the past four years, attendance at HiSAM has dramatically increased over 100% due to programming and relevance. In Fiscal year 2018, 62,000 people visited HiSAM. Building access improvements will increase the capacity of the SFCA to provide quality culture and arts programming, strengthen engagement with the community, significantly increase the attendance and improve the visitor experience at HiSAM.

The DAGS consultants' budget estimate for the No. 1 Capitol District Building, Site & Accessibility Improvements project is \$300,000 in design and \$2.3 million for construction. Funds are available from the Works of Art Special Fund S-319-M.

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



**No. 1 Capitol District
building exterior**



**Richards Street side of
building**



**ADA entrance on side of
building**



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