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**TESTIMONY OF  
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
February 12, 2019 at 3:30 PM in Rm 224  
S. B. 794**

**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
(Appropriates Funds for Capital Improvement Projects of AGS881  
The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts)**

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 grateful for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of S.B.794.

***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 and artwork more accessible to the increasing numbers of school children and the general public.

***The No. 1 Capitol District Building, Interior Renovation Rm. 103 and other Improvements project*** includes the design and construction of improvements to create a multipurpose room for educational and cultural programs and training. These improvements include demolition of current interior finishes (mirrored walls, arched ceiling) and installation of a second doorway, proper air handling system, lighting, signage and other improvements to create a useable space to present and interpret art.

In 1928, the Army Navy YMCA opened on Hotel Street serving young men stationed in Hawai'i. The Hemmeter Corporation purchased the property in 1987 and completed an extensive renovation including the construction of a wall that still surrounds the property today. In 2000, the State purchased the building and in 2002, the Hawai'i 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 the 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 doubled 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 this public institution.

The DAGS Public Works estimate for the No. 1 Capitol District Building, Site & Accessibility Improvements project is \$300,000 in design and \$2.3 million for construction. The DAGS estimate for the construction cost for the Interior Renovation of Rm. 103 is \$365,000.

This budget request for the No. 1 Capitol District Building, Site & Accessibility Improvements project is \$1.2 million for construction in Fiscal Biennium 20-21. Funds are available for both projects 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**



**Loading on Richards St.**



