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## TESTIMONY OF

### THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE & THE ARTS

February 12, 2019 at 3:30 PM in Rm 224

#### S. B. 799

#### MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO 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.799.

S.B.799 is a request to increase the appropriation ceiling (recurring base) of the Works of Art Special Fund from \$4,508,223 to \$5,500,000 annually. This is a requested increase of \$991,777.

The proliferation of State construction has resulted in increased revenue to the works of art special fund and rising demand for culture and arts programs and services. Even though the fund balance is growing, the SFCA is unable to address the demands of contributing State Departments because the budget ceiling remains static.

Increasing operational demands on the Works of Art Special Fund include a Fund Assessment by Budget and Finance, repair and maintenance of the collection, interpretation of the collection including the operations and educational programming of the Hawai'i State Art Museum, transporting works of art to neighbor islands, and personnel costs. With a higher budget ceiling, we could meet our operational demands.

The current ceiling limits the SFCA's ability to fulfill the obligation to carry out the intent of HRS 103-8.5. An increase in the SFCA's budget ceiling would not increase the R&M or CIP budgets of contributing departments, but would be drawn from the available fund balance.

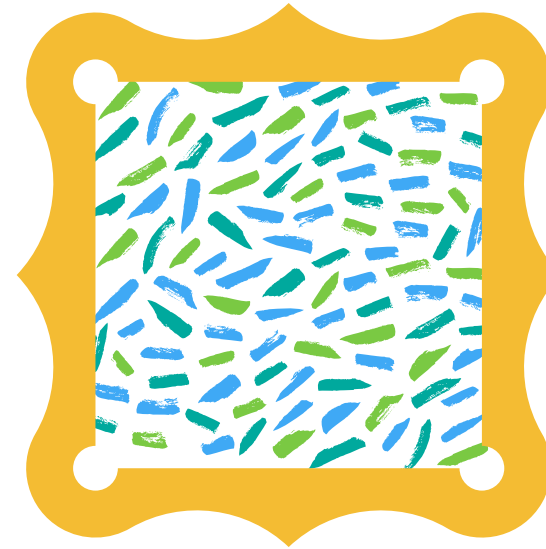
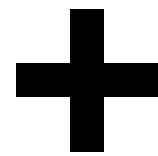
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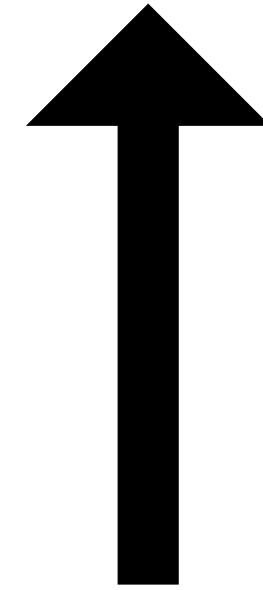
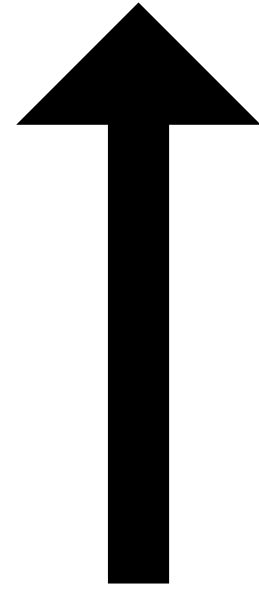
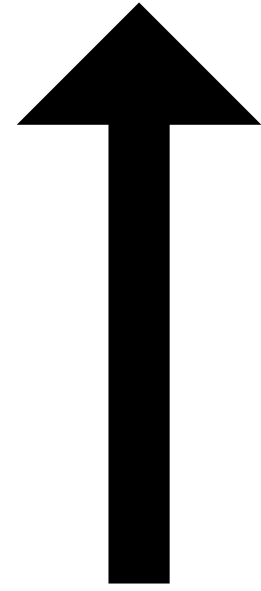
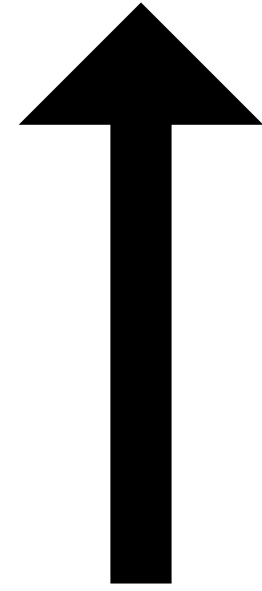
**Construction boom**



**Rise in 1% revenue**



**Rise in demand for  
artwork**



**Current ceiling limits  
SFCA's abilities**

**SB-799**

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 3:08:20 PM

Testimony for LCA on 2/12/2019 3:30:00 PM

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Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

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