## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
TO CREATE A STATUTORY DEFINITION OF CREATIVE WORKERS AND
DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS
TAX MAY BE USED TO ASSIST CREATIVE WORKERS.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the State's economy, particularly in the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, because of the decreased number of tourists, Hawaii's creative artists have also suffered; and

WHEREAS, tourists who come to Hawaii have historically enjoyed the art produced by Hawaii's creative artists; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the State's best interests to leverage tourist dollars to support the creative arts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a study to create a statutory definition of creative workers and develop recommendations on how the Transient Accommodations Tax may be used to assist creative workers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when conducting the study, the Legislative Reference Bureau is urged to consult with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Taxation; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii Tourism Authority; Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; and Hawaii Arts Alliance; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to submit a report, including any recommendations and proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Taxation; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Executive Director of Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; and Executive Director of the Hawaii Arts Alliance.

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