

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 15 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1923
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1923 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CREATIVE WORKFORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Creative Arts Workforce Grant Program, to be administered by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from SAG-AFTRA, IATSE Local 665, and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee finds that the State's creative economy has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with Hawaii being one of the top five states that have job losses in this sector greater than the national average of 30.3 percent. Your Committee further finds that establishing a grant program to develop and support a creative arts workforce is in the State's best interest.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Requiring the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to develop rules and guidelines for applying for and issuing Creative Arts Workforce grants;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2044, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1923, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts, &
International Affairs,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1923	Committee Referral: CAI, FIN	Date: 02/09/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CAI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	✓			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	✓			
3. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
6. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (7)	7			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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