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**TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
February 23, 2022, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference at 3:00PM
G.M. 633**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
SUSAN BROWNE
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026.**

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 pleased to testify in **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Susan Browne to serve a second term as a commissioner for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Ms. Browne earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa and a Masters of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from Antioch University. Ms. Browne worked as a teacher, a UH Mānoa Lecturer and the Education Director for the Maui Arts and Culture Center. She has served for many years on the Hawai'i ARTS FIRST partnership, a statewide arts education coalition coordinated by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Ms. Browne's knowledge and experience in arts education is unsurpassed.

Over the past four years, Ms. Browne has faithfully served as a commissioner with SFCA and we are grateful for her contributions in support of the SFCA and its mission to promote, preserve and perpetuate culture and the arts for the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter in support of Ms. Browne's nomination.