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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
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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
MICHAEL MARSHALL
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 Michael Marshall to serve as a commissioner for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Professor Michael D. Marshall received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting from the University of Illinois and a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from Yale University. Mr. Marshall is an active member of the arts and culture community on Hawai'i Island and statewide. In addition to working as a Professor at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH), Mr. Marshall has engaged in a variety of university and community activities including; Chair of the UHH Art and Performing Art departments; Volcano Art Center (board); East Hawaii Cultural Center (volunteer Executive Director), the Creative Resurgence Task Force, UHH Committee for Excellence in Diversity Equity and Inclusion, UHH Campus Center Gallery Director, as well as a Visual Art Consultant for the SFCA.

We are confident in Mr. Marshall's ability to make a positive contribution in support of the SFCA and its mission to promote, perpetuate and preserve culture and the arts in Hawai'i.

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