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**TESTIMONY OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
February 22, 2023 Conference Room 308 & Videoconference at 2:30PM**

H.B. 475 H.D.1

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) is pleased to offer **COMMENTS** relating to H.B. 475 H.D.1.

SFCA supports a general fund appropriation and establishment of a position for an **art in private places** program, provided it does not violate state or federal laws.

Making “the arts” more publicly accessible may be a benefit of HB475

H.D.1. The SFCA welcomes the opportunity to explore how best to serve the community through a general fund appropriation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the art in private places program and to establish one position for the foundation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.

HB-475-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 2/22/2023 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Minister, Hector Hoyos (aka) SisterFace	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an artist, a performer, a local fashion designer that is growing, we artist and people of your island we need more money from you are appropriate it to Arts and the culture I have to say this Hawaii would not be Hawaii tourism wise without the arts and LeCulture and that does not just mean Hawaiian culture that means everything that surrounds the tourist coming here all the artists that produce things products, gifts foods Art paintings, sculpture, investments, and parks, and investment and artists to do public works for the city or city is lacking in this our city and state is behind in supporting artist I actually find the amount of money quite insulting it needs to be more but I know you all are trying to start somewhere. I am very miffed and surprise that there are a couple people on your committee that will not support this you're not supporting the arts your people on the committee that don't support this you don't have art in your home you don't go out and actually say that you love what an artist does, but the same time you're gonna walk away and be like oh I don't give a damn about that artist I just wanted to let them know I said something nice about them but I really don't want to give them anything to help them thrive to help them, build their business to help them educate this needs to be taken up more in the future, and more money needs to be appropriate it I think it's incredibly crazy that you all sit down there, and there is hardly the amount of testimony that really is needed for a bill like this that is important for a community that has so many artist we lose good artist and profit on our island because artists have to leave here to go live other places in the world to actually be a successful artist and you're going to tell me that \$90,000 appropriation is enough think about it I think you leaders and legislators that do support The Arts I feel sorry for the ones for some reason that what didn't support the bill because maybe they found \$90,000 too much that's a flash in the pan it's nothing what is \$90,000 going to do for any organization or or I mean if it's an organization, the money just gonna disappear in the operation of the organization there's not gonna be any money left to give any artist and what kind of money is \$90,000 to a state of Hawaii Boulevard is trying to survive and find a new path to success Really hope you all support. That's the ones that didn't. I think the ones that did and thank you for hearing my rant.