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**TESTIMONY OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
February 10, 2023 Conference Room 309 & Videoconference at 9:30AM**

H.B. 475

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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

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. 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 an 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

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 5:28:37 PM

Testimony for CAI on 2/10/2023 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Beth Anderson | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support more funding for the visual arts, as well as the performing arts. We recently lost an entire art museum, The Hawaii Contemporary Museum, and that is unacceptable. We should be increasing museums and increasing support for the arts instead of seeing a decline. These are important components of a healthy, vibrant society. All public schools should have art integrated into the daily curriculum—STEAM curriculum because art enhances critical thinking skills, creativity, visual literacy, confidence, and appreciation of other cultures.

Mahalo

HB-475

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 2:32:12 AM

Testimony for CAI on 2/10/2023 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Sean-Joseph T.K. Choo | Individual | Comments | In Person |

Comments:

Aloha to the members of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives Committee on Culture, Arts, and International Affairs,

Respectfully, what is this position? What is the Art in Private Places Program?

Regardless, I am in support of more money going to SFCA and artists.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Sean-Joseph Choo,

Lead Steward + Head Jester + Primary Theatre Advocate

Kamamo House

LATE

HB-475

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 11:41:08 AM

Testimony for CAI on 2/10/2023 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Marcia Pasqua | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

HB475 RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

I am **not** in favor of HB475 as it may negatively impact the private visual arts market by providing works of art for private entities at no cost when those businesses would otherwise support the art industry with private investment.

LATE

HB-475

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:50:11 PM

Testimony for CAI on 2/10/2023 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Emily McIlroy | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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