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# SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE CAPITOL MODERN MUSEUM AND STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS, SONGWRITERS, AND PRODUCERS TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT ON A PUBLIC PLATFORM WHILE FOSTERING ACCESS TO ALL FORMS OF ART.

1           WHEREAS, the Capitol Modern is a free public art museum  
2 located in downtown Honolulu that enhances the profound  
3 combination of mixed cultures of the State of Hawaii while  
4 providing educational learning experiences to the general public  
5 and youth; and

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7           WHEREAS, in 1967, Hawaii became the first state in the  
8 nation to adopt a percent-for-art law with the enactment of the  
9 Art in State Buildings law, which designates one percent of  
10 construction costs of new buildings for the acquisition of works  
11 of art, either by commission or purchase; and

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13           WHEREAS, the purpose of the Art in State Buildings law is  
14 to elevate and humanize state buildings and to increase public  
15 access to the arts; and

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17           WHEREAS, in 1989, the Legislature created the Works of Art  
18 Special Fund, expanding upon the provisions of the Art in State  
19 Buildings law to include having works of art available to all  
20 state public places; and

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22           WHEREAS, there are now more than three hundred public art  
23 programs nationwide at the federal, state, and county levels;  
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26           WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Art in State Buildings  
27 law, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) has  
28 acquired works from local and international artists and from  
29 curated exhibits across the State; and

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31           WHEREAS, works of art enhance the physical environment of  
32 state buildings while providing educational experiences of



1 visual arts to the public through the Art in Public Places  
2 Program; and

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4 WHEREAS, the work of the program partners and youth  
5 participants further encourages a celebration of arts and  
6 culture while elevating Hawaiian culture and other heritages  
7 through displays of work representing different social groups,  
8 nations, and customs; and

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10 WHEREAS, the youth art programs raise awareness about art  
11 education while creating diversity in the representation of  
12 cultures and equity for all youth who want to compete; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of student  
15 artist internships and art education as important foundations to  
16 teach, train, equip, and empower student artists, to encourage  
17 local talent, and help independent producers grow their  
18 artistry; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the Hawaiian  
21 culture personifies the people of Hawaii with an identity that  
22 makes our State unique, original, and different; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
26 that the Capitol Modern museum and State Foundation on Culture  
27 and the Arts are encouraged to increase opportunities for  
28 artists, songwriters, and producers to showcase their talent on  
29 a public platform while fostering access to all forms of art,  
30 including fine arts, performing arts, music, filmmaking, digital  
31 arts, literature, wood carving, photography, ceramics, modern  
32 art, and creative media; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Modern museum and  
35 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are urged to focus on  
36 education, extracurricular activity, and career development  
37 strategies for art students from kindergarten through twelfth  
38 grade and at the college level to enhance their learning  
39 experience with access to career pathways, scholarships, grants,  
40 and apprenticeship opportunities, with a prioritization on  
41 marginalized schools and students; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Modern museum and  
2 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are urged to develop  
3 collaborations with other art-focused entities, including the  
4 Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, Hawaii Theatre,  
5 Honolulu Youth Theatre, Diamond Head Theatre, Hawaii Youth  
6 Symphony, Honolulu Community College Music & Entertainment  
7 Learning Experience, University of Hawaii-West Oahu Creative  
8 Media Program, Creative Lab Hawai'i, and Entrepreneurs Sandbox;  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Modern museum and  
12 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are urged to consider  
13 partnering with public and private schools nationally and across  
14 the State to equip and empower youth to elevate their art  
15 productions while further creating accessibility in art  
16 programming and resources for the youth of Hawaii, including but  
17 not limited to performances, classes, and training; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Modern museum and  
20 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are urged to focus on  
21 exemplifying the Hawaiian culture through its collaborations,  
22 partnerships, and displays of art; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
26 Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the  
27 Arts, Director of the Capitol Modern museum, Executive Director  
28 of the Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts,  
29 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Theatre,  
30 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Youth  
31 Symphony, Executive Director of the Diamond Head Theatre, and  
32 Managing Director of the Honolulu Theatre for Youth.

