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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ARTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that arts and culture  
2 play an important role in society. In the wake of a disaster,  
3 people may look to the arts for solace, comfort, and connection.  
4 Art can help communities heal and may be a symbol of resilience  
5 during recovery. According to the Federal Emergency Management  
6 Agency, art can be effective in disaster recovery by providing  
7 an opportunity for reflection; reducing the risk of conflict  
8 caused by stress and the feeling of overwhelming hopelessness;  
9 establishing new communities; reconnecting old communities;  
10 reducing feelings of isolation; strengthening citizens'  
11 connection to place; creating a shared sense of hope and  
12 optimism; and channeling post-traumatic stress and anxiety into  
13 creative and productive community outcomes.

14           The purpose of this Act is to:

15           (1) Authorize the state foundation on culture and the arts  
16           to accept property gifted to the foundation for the  
17           purpose of providing community venues for education,



1 economic development, revenue generation, and for  
2 other purposes supporting the foundation's mission;

3 (2) Establish a statewide arts program to provide greater  
4 access to the arts for children and communities in  
5 need, with a focus on those affected by the August  
6 2023 Maui wildfires; and

7 (3) Appropriate funds to the state foundation on culture  
8 and the arts to develop partnerships with arts  
9 organizations.

10 SECTION 2. The state foundation on culture and the arts  
11 may accept property gifted to the foundation for the purpose of  
12 providing community venues for education, economic development,  
13 revenue generation, and for other purposes supporting the  
14 foundation's mission.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to  
18 enable the state foundation of culture and the arts to develop  
19 partnerships with art organizations and establish a statewide  
20 arts program that provides greater access to the arts for



1 children and communities in need, with a focus on those affected  
2 by the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state  
4 foundation on culture and the arts for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
6 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
8 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state  
9 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
10 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the  
11 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
12 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
13 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total  
14 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
15 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
16 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
17 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
18 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

19 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
20 serve the public interest; and



1           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
2                   addressed by this Act.  
3           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Appropriation;  
Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to provide greater access to the arts for children and communities in need, with a focus on those affected by the August 2023 Maui wildfires. Authorizes the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to accept gifted property for certain purposes. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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