

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1521-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 164

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred H.R. No. 164 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collaborate with universities in the State to convene the Hawaii Creative Innovation Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; University of Hawai'i System; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the fashion and music industries in the State contribute to economic growth, job creation, cultural preservation, and tourism development, and the State's diverse ecosystem of artists, venues, recording studios, and educational institutions strengthens the State's cultural identity and enriches the lives of residents and visitors alike. The success stories of local music programs, accelerators, and projects are examples of the opportunities that exist in the intersection between music and media for the State's artists. Your Committee

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believes that the convening of a Hawaii Creative Innovation Group will help identify pathways and develop support systems to assist the emerging creative sectors in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 164 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development,



DANIEL HOLT, Chair



