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**Testimony of KAREN EWALD, Executive Director
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**Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 Conference Room 224 at 3:00PM**

**SENTATE BILL 1119 PROPOSED
RELATING TO
THE WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND**

Dear Chair Lee and members of the Committee,

The SFCA respectfully **SUPPORTS** S.B. 1119 which appropriates funds to begin the process of community engagement to develop plans for a potential future memorial, monument, or other appropriate means to properly honor and respectfully recognize the memory of those who lost their lives or were impacted by the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

The SFCA supports the concept to commission a memorial, monument, or other appropriate means to properly honor and respectfully recognize the memory of those who lost their lives or were impacted by the August 2023 Maui wildfires. If it is the desire of the Legislature, the SFCA will form an Art Advisory Committee (AAC) following the SFCA's Collection Management Policy for all new works of art. AAC's are comprised of individuals who are informed in the subject of the place and nature of the project to, assist with the selection of location, defining the medium and theme of the work of art, recommending an artist, and review of design proposals.

SFCA supports the future appropriation of funding to implement the proposed intent, provided doing so does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

SB-1119

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 7:53:29 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/15/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Masami Teraoka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi Friend and artists,

To promote Hawaii as the very center of cultural beyond the Pacific Rim but also to global scale, with the global tourism traveling in a rich cultural environment. No way at this point the Hawaii State legislature should stop investing toward the State Foundation of Culture and Arts. Absolutely not, but instead should expand more support for the art community.

The Honolulu Biennial and Triennial needs to have more budget toward their cultural development in the Pacific Rim not less budget!

I've watched how strongly Hawaii's indigenous creative artists appeal to a global audience, please do not stop investing to acquire more new art works. I had seen so much had been invested in Hawaii regarding the State Foundation and Culture and Arts. In addition Contemporary Triennial 2025. We need to support them.

At this point in the crucially important moment any reason that reducing the art acquisition for the Capital Modern or the State Foundation and Culture and Arts is absolutely unacceptable. Acquisition of more art work to this state is the right investment while working with tourism and promotion.

We need to bring more funding to sustain our expanding cultural vision, not less! Investing in the arts is the way to go! Please help me to make our voices heard.

Mahalo,

Masami

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:22:12 AM

Testimony for TCA on 2/15/2024 3:00:00 PM

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Sean-Joseph T.K. Choo	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

Mahalo for pooling resources to help our 'ohana out in Lahaina. Appropriating funds towards helping folx, and not away from the art fund and slashing the SFCA, is a worthy use of time and energy. SD1 is right on.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Peace,

Sean