

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15

, 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 131

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Culture & Arts, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO ACQUIRE THE  
HAWAII THEATRE TO PROMOTE LOCAL CULTURE AND ARTS, PRESERVE  
ITS HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND FACILITATE ITS  
CONTINUED PUBLIC USE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State to acquire  
the Hawaii Theatre to promote local culture and arts, preserve its  
historic and cultural significance, and facilitate its continued  
public use.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this  
measure.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Theatre, located in  
downtown Honolulu, is a historic landmark that has served as a  
cultural and performing arts center since opening in 1922. The  
Theatre has played a significant role in the State's cultural and  
artistic heritage by hosting performances, concerts, and community  
events that celebrate the State's diverse history and traditions.  
Your Committee therefore believes that public ownership of the  
Hawaii Theatre by the State will ensure the Theatre's long-term  
preservation, enable necessary renovations and improvements, and

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expand access to arts and cultural programming for residents and visitors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 131 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Culture & Arts,



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JEANNE KAPCIA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture & Arts**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">SCR 131</div>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">CAA</div>	<b>Date:</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">4/11/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>CAA Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. KAPELA, Jeanne (C)	✓			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	✓			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	✓			
4. LEE, Mike	✓			
5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
6. REYES ODA, Julie	✓			
<b>TOTAL (6)</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Samuel S Kay</u>				
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