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## 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.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Theatre, located in downtown Honolulu,  
2 is a historic landmark that has served as a cultural and  
3 performing arts center since opening in 1922; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the theatre has played a significant role in the  
6 State's cultural and artistic heritage, hosting performances,  
7 concerts, and community events that celebrate the State's  
8 diverse history and traditions; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the preservation and continued operation of the  
11 Hawaii Theatre are vital to supporting the arts, fostering  
12 economic development, and enhancing the vibrancy of Honolulu's  
13 downtown district; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the State has invested approximately \$30 million  
16 in public grants and assistance for the renovation and  
17 preservation of the Hawaii Theater; and  
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19 WHEREAS, public ownership of the Hawaii Theatre by the  
20 State would ensure its long-term preservation, allow for  
21 necessary renovations and improvements, and expand access to  
22 arts and cultural programming for residents and visitors alike;  
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25 WHEREAS, investing in the Hawaii Theatre aligns with the  
26 State's broader efforts to promote historical preservation,  
27 economic revitalization, and cultural enrichment in Hawaii; now,  
28 therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the State is urged to



1 acquire the Hawaii Theatre to promote local culture and arts,  
2 preserve its historic and cultural significance, and facilitate  
3 its continued public use; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to work  
6 collaboratively with local arts organizations, cultural  
7 institutions, and community stakeholders to develop a long-term  
8 operational plan for the Hawaii Theatre that maximizes public  
9 benefit; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President  
13 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
14 Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the  
15 Arts, and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Theatre Center.  
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