

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.C.R. No. 127

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
H.C.R. No. 127 entitled:

"HOUSE 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 received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Theatre Center and five individuals.

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 further finds that the State has invested
approximately \$30,000,000 in public grants and assistance for the
renovation and preservation of the Hawaii Theater to further its
efforts in promoting the historic preservation, economic

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revitalization, and cultural enrichment in Hawaii. 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 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 H.C.R. No. 127 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JEANNE KAPEIA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture & Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 127	Committee Referral: CAA, FIN	Date: 3/19/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
CAA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAPELA, Jeanne (C)	/			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	/			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
4. LEE, Mike	/			
5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	/			
6. REYES ODA, Julie				/
TOTAL (6)	5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size:small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Samuel S. Kay</u>				
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