
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO
CONDUCT AN INVENTORY AND VALUATION OF ALL STATE-OWNED
ARTWORK, ART PIECES, AND ART COLLECTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the State Foundation on Culture and
2 the Arts is to promote, perpetuate, preserve, and encourage
3 culture and the arts, history, and the humanities as central to
4 the quality of life of the people of Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, over 40 years ago, Governor John Burns and a
7 number of other visionary leaders believed that Hawaii's natural
8 beauty should be complemented by artistic beauty to be enjoyed
9 by all residents and visitors in public state buildings, such as
10 airports; schools and offices; the State Capitol; and later
11 additions, including the Hawaii Convention Center; and
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13 WHEREAS, these leaders persuaded the Legislature to set
14 aside one percent of all state capital improvement expenditures
15 to buy and commission art for Hawaii's public state buildings, a
16 concept that grew into the Art in Public Places and Relocatable
17 Works of Art programs, firsts in the nation that became a model
18 for many other states to follow; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Foundation administers the Art in Public
21 Places and Relocatable Works of Art programs to replace within
22 public state buildings the natural beauty displaced by
23 construction through the use of works of art and, acting with
24 the Comptroller, decides on the specific art objects to acquire
25 and selects artists to commission; and
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27 WHEREAS, the amount spent on commissioned and individual
28 art purchases for the Art in Public Places and Relocatable Works
29 of Art programs is carefully monitored by a citizen commission,
30 the Foundation staff, and others in the state administration to
31 be sure that it adheres to current prices, based upon size,
32 materials, and artisanship; and



1 WHEREAS, while the State is conducting revenue studies,
2 cost-saving measures, and asset-management reviews during these
3 uncertain economic times, it is vital for the Foundation to
4 inventory and determine the value of all artwork, art pieces,
5 and collections owned by the State; and

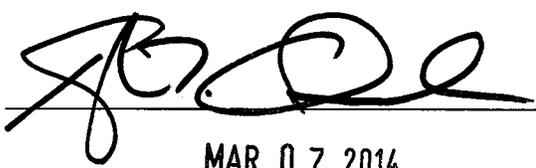
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7 WHEREAS, section 103-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which
8 establishes and specifies the use of the Works of Art Special
9 Fund, provides the Foundation a guaranteed source of funding
10 that does not require legislative appropriation to carry out its
11 work, which makes it very important for the Legislature to have
12 a proper accounting of the Foundation's activities; now,
13 therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2014, that the State Foundation on Culture and the
18 Arts is requested to conduct an inventory and valuation of all
19 State-owned artwork, art pieces, and art collections, whether on
20 display in public places or in storage; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Foundation is requested to
23 submit to the Legislature a report of its findings regarding the
24 inventory and valuation of all State-owned art no later than 45
25 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the State
29 Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the Comptroller.

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OFFERED BY: 
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