

SB 1177

Testimony –

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS.
Report Title:	State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Makes an appropriation for the establishment of 4 full-time positions (4.0 FTE) at the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.
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Package:	None
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TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS
February 12, 2015

SB 1177

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Taniguchi and members of the committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and I am pleased to provide comments on SB 1177.

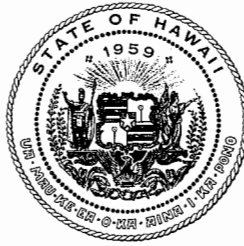
We are aware that this is a no growth year and departments are not requesting positions. Therefore, this response is based on the premise put forth in this bill that additional staffing will address some of the concerns outlined in the management audit of 2014.

The effective tracking and collection of one percent funds would be supported by adding staff to our agency's fiscal administration and Art in Public Places Program.

Two arts program specialist positions in Art in Public Places would enable the SFCA to be more responsive in meeting the demand for works of art projects in new State construction, arts education services and access to arts programming, particularly for underserved areas of our state.

If it is the desire of the Legislature, we suggest reinstating positions that were abolished largely due to vacancies. All proposed positions would be supported by the Works of Art Special Fund within the projected biennium budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on this matter.



**TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR,
ON SENATE BILL NO. 1177,
RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Committee on Higher Education and the Arts

February 12, 2015

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I am Jan Yamane, Acting State Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill, which would appropriate moneys to establish four FTEs within the SFCA.

As you are aware, in November 2014 we published our *Audit of the Hawai'i State Foundation on culture and the Arts* (Report No. 14-11). We found, as we had in our 1976 and 1999 audits, that the foundation's commission still struggled to fulfill its proper role in guiding the SFCA, and that continued planning and oversight deficiencies undermined accountability for the SFCA's primary public arts resources—the Works of Art Special Fund and a nearly 6,300 piece art collection. Instead of focusing on planning and policy, the commission disproportionately devoted its efforts to arts operations. We urged the commission to improve its strategic planning to achieve better accountability for its special fund and the achievement of its strategic goals.

We also urged the foundation to improve its oversight of Works of Art Special Fund compliance and to propose, if needed, statutory changes to reduce the special fund assessment or allow broader use of surplus moneys. Finally, we suggested the commission embrace its responsibility to conduct and document its decision-making publically and openly as required by law.

Report No. 14-11 recommended, among other things, that the foundation evaluate whether its enabling statute, Chapter 9, HRS, needed updating; and if so, propose appropriate legislative changes. While we did not specifically suggest the SFCA request additional resources, this bill is intended to address the spirit of our recommendation.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.



*A member of the
Kennedy Center
Alliance for Arts
Education Network*

February 9, 2015

The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Taniguchi & Committee Members:

SB 1177 – Relating to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

I am Marilyn Cristofori, the Chief Executive Officer of Hawai'i Arts Alliance. The Arts Alliance is a private charitable organization that serves schools, artists, teachers, parents, children, individuals and arts organizations statewide. Hawai'i Arts Alliance is part of two national networks: Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education (The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts) and the Americans for the Arts, the national arts advocacy organization.

The Arts Alliance is one of the six agencies named by the state legislature in Act 306/01 to help expand arts education statewide. For the last 35 years, we have worked in partnership with the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) to help manage key programs such as Art Bento at HiSAM, Artists-in-the-Schools and annual institutes for teachers and for teaching artists. Research repeatedly shows that youth immersed in an arts-rich environment demonstrate success in academics and behaviors.

The Arts Alliance fully supports SB 1177 which proposes 4.0 FTE to SFCA. These positions will enable the reinstatement of positions lost to budget cuts and will strengthen the agency's capacity to realize its mission. All the arts contribute to a healthy and vital economy and are the center for creativity in our communities, schools and daily lives.

With aloha,

Marilyn Cristofori
Chief Executive Officer

February 12, 2015



Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts

Senate Bill 1177
Relating to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

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Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

My name is Daniel Chun President of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) speaking in **SUPPORT OF THE INTENT** of Senate Bill 1177. AIA was among the original supporters of Hawaii's then-innovative Art in Public Places legislation. Architect Alfred Preis, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, was the first SFCA director. AIA architects have consistently defended the 1% set aside, believing that public art enriches public buildings by magnifying the history and culture of these unique islands.

The Art in Public Places is a special fund that needs to be used for its intended noble purpose, lest the CIP-based funds for public art management and construction be raided for some other purpose. We understand that SFCA has had recent difficulties in initiating, managing and completing art projects and other programs due to staff cutbacks.

Assisting SFCA in meeting its mission also has economic benefits ranging from artist commissions to enriching the Hawaii visitor experience; among these experiences being an adequately managed state art museum. Thank you for this opportunity to **support the intent** of Senate Bill 1177.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Daniel Chun".

Fellow, the American Institute of Architects

TO: Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair

FROM: Duane Preble, Emeritus Professor of Art, UHM

STRONG SUPPORT for SB 1177 Relating to the State Foundation on
Culture and the Arts

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Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Duane Preble, Emeritus Professor of Art, UH Manoa

I support SB 1177. The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts had four established FTE positions that were lost due to vacancies in 2009 and 2010. Overextended SFCA staff members have sorely missed these positions.

Restoration of the positions is urgently needed now in response to the recent audit finding that recommends more thorough management of the Art in Public Places and the Relocatable Works of Art Collections.

The four returned positions will use Special, not General funds. And, as you know, Special Funds do not add to the State deficit.

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10 February 2015

Committee on Highed Education and the Arts
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RE: SB 1177, Relating to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts
Establishment of 4 full-time positions (4.0 FTE) at the SFCA

TO: Senator Brian T. Tanaguchi
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
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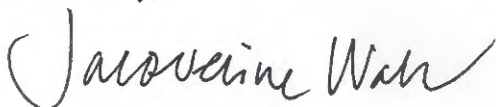
I am in full support of SB 1177 which appropriates funding to establish four full-time positions at the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

The SFCA lost so many staff positions during previous administrations that it has been difficult for the remaining staff who have had to take on the added burden and workload of the abolished positions.

At the same time there have been demands for the SFCA to further promote the programs and it oversees and increase attendance to the Hawai'i State Art Museum with targeted promotion and marketing efforts. These are all worthy goals but the SFCA will require additional staff to meet these demands.

Therefore, I support the passage of SB 1177.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Wah