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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO  
ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENT OF THE STATE  
FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

1           WHEREAS, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts was  
2 established by Act 269, Session Laws of Hawaii 1965, as a  
3 temporary agency and placed within the Office of the Governor;  
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6           WHEREAS, Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii 1970, established  
7 the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts on a permanent  
8 basis, placed within the Department of Budget and Finance; and

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10          WHEREAS, Act 302, Session Laws of Hawaii 1980, transferred  
11 the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts from the Department  
12 of Budget and Finance to the Department of Accounting and  
13 General Services; and

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15          WHEREAS, since the inception of the State Foundation on  
16 Culture and the Arts in 1965, the Legislature has charged the  
17 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts with the task of  
18 stimulating, guiding, and promoting culture, arts, history, and  
19 the humanities throughout the State; and

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21          WHEREAS, across the country, state arts agencies have  
22 evolved to remain relevant, vibrant, and able to play a  
23 significant, if not the central, role in promoting culture and  
24 the arts in their respective communities; and

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26          WHEREAS, one means of achieving greater relevancy and  
27 assistance for Hawaii's arts and cultural communities would be a  
28 transfer of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts from  
29 the Department of Accounting and General Services to a  
30 department whose mission, assets, and purpose would provide



1 better opportunities for growth and expansion of the agency's  
2 purposes and functions; and  
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4 WHEREAS, such a transfer would provide an opportunity to  
5 evaluate achievements and best practices from other  
6 jurisdictions in refocusing the State Foundation on Culture and  
7 the Arts, as well as programs from other state agencies, to  
8 achieve a higher level of business development opportunities for  
9 cultural, heritage, and arts programs, as well as leveraging  
10 public-private partnerships for financing Hawaii's cultural,  
11 heritage, and arts programs; and  
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13 WHEREAS, this would assist the State Foundation on Culture  
14 and the Arts and ensure that the agency is relevant and  
15 responsive to its community needs and audiences as it strives to  
16 present all dynamic and diverse art forms in Hawaii; now,  
17 therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Foundation  
22 on Culture and the Arts is requested to establish a working  
23 group of no more than seven members to develop recommendations  
24 regarding the administrative placement of the State Foundation  
25 on Culture and the Arts; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations should  
28 build upon the current mission of the State Foundation on  
29 Culture and the Arts and are requested to incorporate the  
30 following objectives:  
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32 (1) Leveraging public-private financing in support of  
33 visual arts, music, design, literature, theater, and  
34 dance to strengthen Hawaii's cultural sector with  
35 expanded funding and raise the grants funding capacity  
36 of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and  
37 its partners to levels of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000  
38 annually;  
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40 (2) Developing a strategic plan to expand the capacity of  
41 Hawaii's cultural, heritage, and arts organizations to  
42 provide Hawaii residents and visitors with quality  
43 cultural experiences;  
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- 1           (3)    Developing a sustainable funding model to support  
2                    increased investment in cultural, heritage, and arts  
3                    programming throughout the State;  
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- 5           (4)    Recommending changes to State Foundation on Culture  
6                    and the Arts programs and infrastructure, including  
7                    broadening the scope of the agency and renaming it, to  
8                    further the effective implementation of the above-  
9                    mentioned objectives; and  
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- 11          (5)    Collaborating with interested stakeholders from  
12                    cultural, heritage, and arts agencies, including the  
13                    Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
14                    Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources;  
15                    Hawaii Tourism Authority; Office of Hawaiian Affairs;  
16                    and Bishop Museum; and  
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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture  
19 and the Arts is requested to report its findings and  
20 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
21 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
22 the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved  
25 on June 30, 2013; and  
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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller;  
29 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;  
30 Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the  
31 Arts; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;  
32 Executive Director of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Chairperson  
33 of the Board of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer of the  
34 Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and Director of the Bishop Museum.

