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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A CREATIVE RESURGENCE TASK FORCE TO  
BUILD AND FOSTER CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION THROUGH THE  
ARTS, CULTURE, AND HUMANITIES.

1           WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating  
2 impact on the nation's creative economy, with many in the art,  
3 music, theater, dance, photography, fashion design,  
4 architecture, film, and publishing industries suffering immense  
5 losses in sales of goods and services, employment, and earnings;  
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8           WHEREAS, not only have those in the creative industries and  
9 creative occupations suffered disproportionately due to the  
10 coronavirus, but creativity has been diminished in schools and  
11 universities with students, educators, and artists being unable  
12 to gather, perform, hold art and cultural events, and pursue  
13 their studies, which has further led to significant losses to  
14 arts education and the humanities; and

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16           WHEREAS, creative persons are fundamental to society and  
17 essential to a robust economy and, particularly during this  
18 pandemic, have kept people grounded and inspired optimism, thus  
19 helping people find their way through chaos and uncertainty  
20 while helping people heal; and

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22           WHEREAS, creative persons also embrace new ideas and  
23 possibilities, inspire collective thinking, and contribute to a  
24 better understanding of the world and among people; and

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26           WHEREAS, the arts and humanities, whether through history,  
27 philosophy and religion, modern and ancient languages and  
28 literatures, fine and performing arts, media and cultural  
29 studies, or other fields, are sources of vast creativity,  
30 innovation, and learning; and



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1 WHEREAS, a broad-based effort by the public and private  
2 sectors, arts and cultural organizations, economic development  
3 groups, and the community is needed to build and foster  
4 creativity in the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, public funding for the arts, humanities, and other  
7 creative art forms leads to a high return on investment that  
8 benefits every Hawaii resident in communities throughout the  
9 State; and

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11 WHEREAS, those in creative industries, creative  
12 occupations, and creative fields of study contribute to the  
13 State's and nation's economies and well-being through  
14 innovation, inspiration, and opportunities for growth; now,  
15 therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
19 House of Representatives concurring, that a creative resurgence  
20 task force be convened to build and foster creativity and  
21 innovation through the arts, culture, and humanities; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
24 force is requested to examine:

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- 26 (1) Protecting the tax-exempt status of creative and  
27 cultural nonprofits;
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  - 29 (2) Supporting tax policies that increase charitable  
30 support for the creative sector;
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  - 32 (3) Repealing a cap on charitable donation deductions from  
33 the state income tax;
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  - 35 (4) Identifying policies that specifically support and  
36 enable the creative economy to thrive;
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  - 38 (5) Establishing policies and supports within the  
39 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to assist  
40 qualified creative sector workers seeking employment  
41 opportunities, training, and unemployment insurance  
42 benefits;



1 (6) Increasing access to the arts, the creative sector,  
2 and the humanities through education, training, and  
3 workforce opportunities; and  
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5 (7) Other ideas and proposals that would advance and  
6 diversify the creative economy; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
9 force is requested to include the following as members, or their  
10 designees:

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12 (1) A faculty member of the College of Arts and Humanities  
13 of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, to be selected  
14 by the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities;  
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16 (2) A faculty member of the College of Arts and Sciences  
17 of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, to be selected by  
18 the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences;  
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20 (3) A faculty member of the arts, or related program, of  
21 the University of Hawaii West O'ahu, to be selected by  
22 the University of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor;  
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24 (4) The Executive Director of the Hawai'i Arts Alliance;  
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26 (5) The Executive Director of the Garden Island Arts  
27 Council;  
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29 (6) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Maui  
30 Arts and Cultural Center;  
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32 (7) The Executive Director of the Molokai Arts Center;  
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34 (8) The Executive Director of The Pōpolo Project and  
35 Hawaii Strategy Lab;  
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37 (9) The Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Hawaiian  
38 Center;  
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40 (10) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the  
41 Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs;



- 1           (11) The Executive Director of the State Foundation on  
2                   Culture and the Arts;
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- 4           (12) The Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of  
5                   Culture and the Arts, City and County of Honolulu;
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- 7           (13) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
8                   President of the Senate; and
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- 10          (14) A member of the House of Representatives, to be  
11                   appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
12                   Representatives; and
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14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may invite  
15 additional organizations, agencies, or individuals to  
16 participate in the task force; and

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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the creative  
19 resurgence task force are requested to elect a chair and vice  
20 chair from among its membership; and

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22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
23 force is requested to submit a report describing the progress  
24 made by the task force and its findings and recommendations,  
25 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
26 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
27 of 2022; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
30 force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2022; and

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32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
34 University of Hawaii System, Executive Director of the Hawai'i  
35 Arts Alliance, Executive Director of the Garden Island Arts  
36 Council, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Arts  
37 and Cultural Center, Executive Director of the Molokai Arts  
38 Center, Executive Director of The Pōpolo Project and Hawaii  
39 Strategy Lab, Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Hawaiian  
40 Center, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii  
41 Institute for Public Affairs, Executive Director of the State  
42 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and Executive Director the

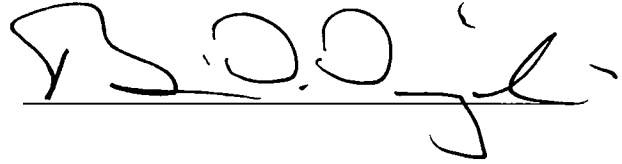


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1 Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts of the City and County of  
2 Honolulu.

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