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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 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic  
2 has had a devastating impact on the nation's creative economy,  
3 with many in the art, music, theater, dance, photography,  
4 fashion design, architecture, film, and publishing industries  
5 suffering immense losses in sales of goods and services,  
6 employment, and earnings; and  
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8           WHEREAS, not only have those in the creative industries and  
9 creative occupations suffered disproportionately due to the  
10 COVID-19 pandemic, but creativity has been diminished in schools  
11 and universities, with students, educators, and artists being  
12 unable to gather, perform, hold art and cultural events, and  
13 pursue their studies, which has further led to significant  
14 losses in 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 the  
18 COVID-19 pandemic, have kept people grounded and inspired  
19 optimism, thus helping people find their way through chaos and  
20 uncertainty and 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 in the  
22 State; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
25 force is requested to:  
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- 27 (1) Examine and determine measures that can be implemented  
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- 30 (A) Protect the tax-exempt status of creative and  
31 cultural nonprofit organizations;  
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  - 33 (B) Support tax policies that increase charitable  
34 support for the creative sector;  
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  - 36 (C) Repeal the monetary cap on charitable donation  
37 deductions from the state income tax;  
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  - 39 (D) Increase the people's access to the arts,  
40 creative sector, and humanities through  
41 education, training, and workforce opportunities;  
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(E) Advance and diversify the creative economy;

(2) Identify policies that specifically support and enable the creative economy to thrive; and

(3) Establish policies and programs that can be implemented by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to assist qualified creative sector workers in obtaining employment opportunities, training, and unemployment insurance benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task force is requested to include the following as members, or their designees:

(1) Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;

(2) Director of Labor and Industrial Relations;

(3) Director of Taxation;

(4) A faculty member of the College of Arts and Humanities of the University of Hawaii at Manoa to be selected by the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities;

(5) A faculty member of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Hawaii at Hilo to be selected by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences;

(6) A faculty member of the arts, music, creative media, or related program of the University of Hawaii West O'ahu to be selected by the University of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor;

(7) Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Alliance for Arts Education;

(8) Executive Director of the Garden Island Arts Council;



- 1 (9) Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Arts and Cultural
- 2 Center;
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- 4 (10) Executive Director of the Molokai Arts Center, Inc.;
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- 6 (11) A representative of the Royal Hawaiian Center;
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- 8 (12) Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Institute for
- 9 Public Affairs;
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- 11 (13) Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture
- 12 and the Arts; and
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- 14 (14) Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture
- 15 and the Arts, City and County of Honolulu; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may invite  
 18 additional organizations, agencies, or individuals to  
 19 participate in the task force; and

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

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

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
 33 force is requested to dissolve on June 30, 2022; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
 37 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Labor  
 38 and Industrial Relations; Director of Taxation; President of the  
 39 University of Hawaii; Dean of the College of Arts and  
 40 Humanities, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Dean of the College  
 41 of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawaii at Hilo; University  
 42 of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor; Chief Executive Officer of the



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7 Arts; and Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture  
8 and the Arts, City and County of Honolulu.

