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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
TO CREATE A STATUTORY DEFINITION OF CREATIVE WORKERS AND
DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS
TAX MAY BE USED TO ASSIST CREATIVE WORKERS.

1 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the
2 State's economy, particularly in the tourism industry; and
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4 WHEREAS, because of the decreased number of tourists,
5 Hawaii's creative artists have also suffered; and
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7 WHEREAS, tourists who come to Hawaii have historically
8 enjoyed the art produced by Hawaii's creative artists; and
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10 WHEREAS, it would be in the State's best interests to
11 leverage tourist dollars to support the creative arts; now,
12 therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative
17 Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a study to create a
18 statutory definition of creative workers and develop
19 recommendations on how the Transient Accommodations Tax may be
20 used to assist creative workers; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when conducting the study, the
23 Legislative Reference Bureau is urged to consult with the
24 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
25 Department of Taxation; Department of Commerce and Consumer
26 Affairs; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii
27 Tourism Authority; Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the
28 Arts; and Hawaii Arts Alliance; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
2 Bureau is requested to submit a report, including any
3 recommendations and proposed legislation, to the Legislature no
4 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the
5 2022 Regular Session; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
9 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of
10 Taxation; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Director of
11 Labor and Industrial Relations; President and Chief Executive
12 Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Executive Director of
13 Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Director of the
14 Legislative Reference Bureau; and Executive Director of the
15 Hawaii Arts Alliance.
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