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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO  
ESTABLISH A REGISTRY OF CREATIVE ARTIST GIG WORKERS TO  
ENABLE THE WORKERS TO ACCESS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THROUGH  
THE PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, freelancers, independent contractors, gig workers,  
2 and other self-employed individuals who are out of work  
3 typically would not qualify for regular unemployment benefits;  
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6           WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, these workers have  
7 been afforded the opportunity to apply for relief through a new  
8 program established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
9 Security Act called the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance  
10 program; and  
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12           WHEREAS, eligibility for weekly unemployment benefits  
13 through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program depends on  
14 a number of factors, one of which includes work history; and  
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16           WHEREAS, creative artist gig workers may not have the  
17 necessary work history requirements to qualify for relief  
18 through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program; now,  
19 therefore,  
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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
24 Labor and Industrial Relations is urged to establish a registry  
25 of creative artist gig workers to enable the workers to access  
26 unemployment benefits through the Pandemic Unemployment  
27 Assistance program; and



# S.C.R. NO. 244

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for purposes of this registry,  
2 a "creative artist gig worker" is a person who creates art in  
3 any medium and receives compensation on a per piece, per  
4 project, or per event basis for that art; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the registry allow creative  
7 artist gig workers to use their general excise tax license and  
8 related filings to establish eligibility for unemployment  
9 benefits; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Taxation is  
12 requested to collaborate with the Department of Labor and  
13 Industrial Relations in the establishment of a registry of  
14 creative artist gig workers; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
18 of Labor and Industrial Relations, and Director of Taxation.

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OFFERED BY:

