

LATE
TESTIMONY
HB 1256

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF H.B.1256 H.D.2
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Higher Education and the Arts

From: Jane Clement
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Subject: HB1256, HD2 – Relating to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts
Makes an appropriation for the establishment of 4 full-time positions (4.0 FTE) at
the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

My name is Jane Clement and I currently serve on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts as interim commissioner for Hawaii Island.

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of H.B. 1256 H.D.2 on behalf of myself.

The Office of the Auditor, in its 2014 Audit of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, recommended among other things, that the SFCA improve its strategic planning and develop better accountability for its Works of Art Special Fund.

Creating an implementation plan and accountability structure are critical to strategic planning process. Adequate and proper staffing is essential in its implementation. The addition or restoration of these four positions will help ensure that SFCA Executive Director, staff and Board of Commissioners can address the Audit's recommendation, meet its responsibility of better managing the special funds and develop an environment conducive to achieving the agency's strategic goals.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this measure. Your consideration for its passage is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Jane Clement

