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**HB1256**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Comptroller	Department of Accounting and General Services	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES**

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
DOUGLAS MURDOCK, COMPTROLLER  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
ON  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

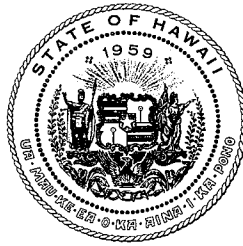
H.B. 1256

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Ito and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 1256. The Department of Accounting and General Services does not support H.B. 1256.

We do not support this measure as any general funds appropriated to support the operations of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts will have a negative impact on the administration's executive biennium budget and initiatives submitted for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.



**TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR,  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1256,  
RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Committee on Veterans, Military, International Affairs and Culture and the Arts**

**February 9, 2015**

Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

I am Jan Yamane, Acting State Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 1256, which would appropriate moneys to establish four FTEs within the SFCA.

As you are aware, in November 2014 we published our *Audit of the Hawai'i State Foundation on culture and the Arts* (Report No. 14-11). We found, as we had in our 1976 and 1999 audits, that the foundation's commission still struggled to fulfill its proper role in guiding the SFCA, and that continued planning and oversight deficiencies undermined accountability for the SFCA's primary public arts resources—the Works of Art Special Fund and a nearly 6,300 piece art collection. Instead of focusing on planning and policy, the commission disproportionately devoted its efforts to arts operations. We urged the commission to improve its strategic planning to achieve better accountability for its special fund and the achievement of its strategic goals. We also urged the foundation to improve its oversight of Works of Art Special Fund compliance and to propose, if needed, statutory changes to reduce the special fund assessment or allow

broader use of surplus moneys. Finally, we suggested the commission embrace its responsibility to conduct and document its decision-making publically and openly as required by law.

Report No. 14-11 recommended, among other things, that the foundation evaluate whether its enabling statute, Chapter 9, HRS, needed updating; and if so, propose appropriate legislative changes. While we did not specifically suggest the SFCA request additional resources, this bill is intended to address the spirit of our recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 1256. I am available to answer any questions you may have.

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Jonathan Johnson	State Foundation on Culture and the Arts	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: TESTIMONY OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS February 9, 2015 H. B. 1256 RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS Chair Ito and members of the committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and I am pleased to provide comments on HB 1256. We are aware that this is a no growth year and departments are not requesting positions. Therefore, this response is based on the premise put forth in this bill that additional staffing will address some of the concerns outlined in the management audit of 2014. The effective tracking and collection of one percent funds would be supported by adding staff in our agency's fiscal administration and Art in Public Places Program. Two arts program specialist positions in Art in Public Places would enable the SFCA to be more responsive in meeting the demand for works of art projects in new State construction, arts education services and access to arts programming, particularly for under served areas of our state If it is the desire of the Legislature, we suggest reinstating positions that were abolished largely due to vacancies. All proposed positions would be funded by the Works of Art Special Fund within the projected biennium budget. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on this matter.

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February 6, 2015

The Honorable Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
The Honorable Representative James Kunane Tokioka, Vice Chair  
Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs,  
& Culture and the Arts  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Ito & Committee Members:

**HB 1256 – Relating to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts**

I am Marilyn Cristofori, the Chief Executive Officer of Hawai'i Arts Alliance. The Arts Alliance is a private charitable organization that serves schools, artists, teachers, parents, children, individuals and arts organizations statewide. Hawai'i Arts Alliance is part of two national networks: Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education (The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts) and the Americans for the Arts, the national arts advocacy organization.

The Arts Alliance is one of the six agencies named by the state legislature in Act 306/01 to help expand arts education statewide. For the last 35 years, we have worked in partnership with the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) to help manage key programs such as Art Bento at HiSAM, Artists-in-the-Schools and annual institutes for teachers and for teaching artists. Research repeatedly shows that youth immersed in an arts-rich environment demonstrate success in academics and behaviors.

The Arts Alliance fully supports HB 1256 which proposes 4.0 FTE to SFCA. These positions will enable the reinstatement of positions lost to budget cuts and will strengthen the agency's capacity to realize its mission. All the arts contribute to a healthy and vital economy and are the center for creativity in our communities, schools and daily lives.

With aloha,

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