

MAR 11 2022

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CREATIVE RESURGENCE TASK FORCE CONTINUE TO
EXAMINE AND DETERMINE MEASURES AND ESTABLISH POLICIES AND
PROGRAMS TO BUILD AND FOSTER CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION
THROUGH THE ARTS, CULTURE, AND HUMANITIES IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating
2 impact on the nation's creative economy, with many in the art,
3 music, theater, dance, photography, fashion design,
4 architecture, film, and publishing industries suffering immense
5 losses in sales of goods and services, employment, and earnings;
6 and

7
8 WHEREAS, not only have those in the creative industries and
9 creative occupations suffered disproportionately due to the
10 coronavirus, but creativity has been diminished in schools and
11 universities with students, educators, and artists being unable
12 to gather, perform, hold art and cultural events, and pursue
13 their studies, which has further led to significant losses to
14 arts education and the humanities; and

15
16 WHEREAS, creative persons are fundamental to society and
17 essential to a robust economy and, particularly during this
18 pandemic, have kept people grounded and inspired optimism, thus
19 helping people find their way through chaos and uncertainty
20 while helping people heal; and

21
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

25
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



S.C.R. NO. 118

1 studies, or other fields, are sources of vast creativity,
2 innovation, and learning; and

3
4 WHEREAS, a broad-based effort by the public and private
5 sectors, arts and cultural organizations, economic development
6 groups, and the community is needed to build and foster
7 creativity in the State; and

8
9 WHEREAS, public funding for the arts, humanities, and other
10 creative art forms leads to a high return on investment that
11 benefits every Hawaii resident in communities throughout the
12 State; and

13
14 WHEREAS, those in creative industries, creative
15 occupations, and creative fields of study contribute to the
16 State's and nation's economies and well-being through
17 innovation, inspiration, and opportunities for growth; and

18
19 WHEREAS, in 2021, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent
20 Resolution 242, S.D.1, H.D. 1 (S.C.R. No. 242), which called for
21 the convening of a Creative Resurgence Task Force to build and
22 foster creativity and innovation through the arts, culture, and
23 humanities in the State; and

24
25 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force was requested
26 to examine and determine measures and establish policies and
27 programs to support and encourage access to the creative sector
28 and advance and diversify the creative economy and report its
29 findings and recommendations to the Legislature prior to the
30 convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and

31
32 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force has met several
33 times since the adoption of S.C.R. No. 242, with fruitful
34 discussions and work product; and

35
36 WHEREAS, S.C.R. No. 242 established a sunset date of
37 June 30, 2022, for the Creative Resurgence Task Force; and

38
39 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force needs
40 additional time to conduct its work as requested pursuant to
41 S.C.R. No. 242; now, therefore,



S.C.R. NO. 118

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Creative
 4 Resurgence Task Force is requested to continue to examine and
 5 determine measures and establish policies and programs to build
 6 and foster creativity and innovation through the arts, culture,
 7 and humanities in the State, as specified in Senate Concurrent
 8 Resolution No. 242, H.D. 1 (2021); and

9
 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Creative Resurgence Task
 11 Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and
 12 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 13 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 14 the Regular Session of 2023; and

15
 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Creative Resurgence Task
 17 Force is requested to dissolve upon submittal of its report to
 18 the Legislature or on June 30, 2024, whichever occurs later; and

19
 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 22 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Labor
 23 and Industrial Relations; Director of Taxation; President of the
 24 University of Hawaii; Dean of the College of Arts, Languages,
 25 and Letters of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Dean of the
 26 College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Hawaii at
 27 Hilo; University of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor; Executive
 28 Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts;
 29 Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the
 30 Arts, City and County of Honolulu; and Chief Executive Officer
 31 of the Hawai'i Alliance for Arts Education.

32
 33
 34

OFFERED BY:

