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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO  
ESTABLISH A MUSEUM OF MODERN HAWAII HISTORY TASK FORCE.

1           WHEREAS, the State has made national and global impacts  
2 that deserve to be celebrated and taught to both visitors and  
3 residents; and  
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5           WHEREAS, since the beginning of the twentieth century, the  
6 State has served as a stage for national and global history such  
7 as the events of World War II and landmark judicial rulings such  
8 as the *Baehr v. Miike*, 80 Haw. 341 (1996), decision relating to  
9 same-sex marriage; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the State was also instrumental as a birthplace of  
12 crucial legislation and political progress such as Title IX of  
13 the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex  
14 discrimination in any education program or activity receiving  
15 federal financial assistance, and the enactment of Act 97,  
16 Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, which establishes a renewable  
17 energy portfolio standards target of one hundred percent  
18 renewable electric energy by December 31, 2045; and  
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20           WHEREAS, presently, other institutions in the State share  
21 the histories and stories of Hawaii's history before the modern  
22 era, including:  
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24           (1) The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, also known as the  
25 State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural  
26 History, has a primary focus on early Hawaiian  
27 history, navigation, and science;  
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29           (2) Iolani Palace, which provides a primary focus on the  
30 Hawaiian monarchy and overthrow era;  
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1 (3) The King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center, which  
2 has a primary focus on educating the public on the  
3 judicial process and Hawaii's legal history; and  
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5 (4) The State Archives, which has a vast catalogue of  
6 historical documents and artifacts such as copies of  
7 the Hawaii State Constitution and moon rocks, but no  
8 meaningful place to properly exhibit certain items and  
9 tell their stories; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Museum of Modern Hawaii  
12 History will build on the stories and history told by other  
13 partner institutions and allow residents and tourists to learn  
14 about and reflect upon the State's rich history and global  
15 achievements in the modern statehood era; now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the  
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Foundation  
20 on Culture and the Arts is requested to establish a task force  
21 to develop plans for a Museum of Modern Hawaii History; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
24 consist of the following members:  
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26 (1) The Executive Director of the State Foundation on  
27 Culture and the Arts, or their designee, who is  
28 requested to serve as chairperson;  
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30 (2) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the  
31 Hawaii Tourism Authority, or their designee;  
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33 (3) The State Archivist, or their designee;  
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35 (4) The Chief Justice, or their designee, representing the  
36 King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center;  
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38 (5) The chairpersons of the Senate and House of  
39 Representatives standing committees whose purview is  
40 culture and the arts, or their designees; and  
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1 (6) Additional members with appropriate special expertise  
2 who are recommended by the members with approval from  
3 the chairperson; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Museum of Modern Hawaii  
6 History is requested to have the following scope:  
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8 (1) Primarily focus on the territorial and statehood eras  
9 of Hawaii's history and complement other institutions;  
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11 (2) Chronicle Hawaii's significant milestones and events  
12 in its history and the leadership that the State has  
13 demonstrated with respect to many significant issues  
14 facing the nation and the world;  
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16 (3) Provide a window into current events and issues; and  
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18 (4) Partner with other institutions in Hawaii and abroad  
19 to share relevant narratives; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
22 submit an annual report of its progress, findings, and  
23 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
25 the Regular Sessions of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
28 dissolve on January 2, 2027; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
32 Accounting and General Services, Chief Justice, Executive  
33 Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts,  
34 President and Chief Executive of the Hawaii Tourism Authority,  
35 and State Archivist.  
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