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**Testimony of KAREN EWALD, Executive Director
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Before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE & ARTS
FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 Conference Room 309 at 10:00AM
HOUSE BILL 1581 SD1
RELATING TO HAWAII-JAPAN PACIFIC PEACE MONUMENT**

Chair Kapela and members of the Committee,

the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), is pleased to offer

SUPPORT of S.B.1581 SD1 which **Establishes a Hawaii-Japan Pacific Peace**

Monument to be developed by the State Foundation on Culture and appropriate stakeholders representing Hawaii and Japan and appropriates funds from the Works of Art Special Fund.

If it is the desire of the Legislature, the SFCA will form an Art Advisory Committee (AAC) following the SFCA's collection management policy for all new works of art including representatives as described in the bill. AAC's assist with the selection of location, defining the medium and theme of the work of art, recommending and artist , and review of design proposals.

SFCA supports the appropriation from the Works of Art Special fund to create a Hawaii-Japan Pacific Peace Monument, provided the fund is used exclusively for capital expenditures per 103-8.5 HRS as its source is bond revenue.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.