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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII ARTS CENTER FOR YOUTH, THE COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, AND THE UNIVERSITY  
LABORATORY SCHOOL TO WORK TOGETHER TO COLLABORATE TO  
ESTABLISH A FACILITY FOR THE HAWAII ARTS CENTER FOR YOUTH  
ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND DOLE  
STREET.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth, a Hawaii  
2 corporation, is a support organization of Ballet Hawaii, Hawaii  
3 Youth Opera Chorus, Hawaii Youth Symphony, and the Honolulu  
4 Theatre for Youth; and

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6           WHEREAS, the four performing arts organizations directly  
7 provide arts education programming for more than six thousand of  
8 Hawaii's students on all islands each year and indirectly serve  
9 more than 121,000 children, youth, families and seniors through  
10 performances on different islands each year; and

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12           WHEREAS, the direct correlation between arts education and  
13 improved academic performance is time-honored and proven; and

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15           WHEREAS, after cumulatively serving Hawaii for more than  
16 one hundred seventy years, Ballet Hawaii, the Hawaii Youth Opera  
17 Chorus, the Hawaii Youth Symphony, and the Honolulu Theatre for  
18 Youth currently lease space in urban Honolulu and have been  
19 forced to relocate many times; and

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21           WHEREAS, the four performing arts organizations would all  
22 benefit from the development of a facility to co-locate their  
23 combined offices, classroom, rehearsal, and shop space that  
24 would allow for more efficient and effective operations through  
25 shared business practices and shared location; and

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27           WHEREAS, having permanent, secure space to consider home  
28 would allow each organization to better plan for their future



1 and expand programming to service even greater numbers of  
2 Hawaii's youth; and

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4 WHEREAS, the College of Education's University Laboratory  
5 School lost its performing arts facilities in the 2006 on-campus  
6 fire; and

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8 WHEREAS, the development of a Hawaii Arts Center for Youth  
9 on land at University Avenue and Dole Street would be an ideal  
10 location for a joint project that would allow for in-school  
11 programming for University Laboratory School, College of  
12 Education teacher preparation, and out-of-school programming for  
13 the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth constituents, thereby  
14 optimizing the usage of the Center; and

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16 WHEREAS, the location would allow for other University of  
17 Hawaii departments such as theater, dance, and music to utilize  
18 the Center as a natural "laboratory" where university students  
19 can gain training in arts education and engage in collaborative  
20 projects: an ideal place for research and curriculum development  
21 in the performing arts; and

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23 WHEREAS, establishing the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth  
24 would create a national model for arts education, offering a  
25 full spectrum of training and opening the door for innovative  
26 collaborations among different levels of the education continuum  
27 from kindergarten to post-graduate levels; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature  
32 strongly urges the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth, the College of  
33 Education of the University of Hawaii, and the University  
34 Laboratory School to collaborate on the establishing of a  
35 facility for the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth on the property  
36 located at University Avenue and Dole Street; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Arts Center for  
39 Youth is requested to submit to the Legislature a report on the  
40 status of the establishment of a Hawaii Arts Center for Youth,  
41 together with findings and recommendations no later than twenty  
42 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
3 Education, the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the  
4 Director of the Hawaii Arts Center for Youth, the Chairperson of  
5 the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, the Dean of  
6 the University of Hawaii College of Education, and the Interim  
7 Principal of the University Laboratory School.  
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