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TESTIMONY OF STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON February 23, 2012

H. B. 2650 HD 1

Chair Oshiro and members of the committee, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I am pleased to offer testimony on H. B. 2650 HD 1.

The SFCA greatly appreciates the intent of this bill, which will provide a needed revenue incentive to support our programs and services.

Many agencies and programs are vying for funds and we are very grateful for this effort to support our operations, programs, and staffing. Our Works of Art Special Fund has been managed successfully for nearly 40 years. Our Federal Fund has been continuously granted since 1965. This attests to our ability to administer funds through clear vision and careful planning. We welcome this new revenue source.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you.