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TESTIMONY OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, WATER AND LAND, AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS ON APRIL 2, 2013

SCR 173 / SR 130

Chair Galuteria, Chair Solomon, Chair Wakai and members of the Committees, I am Eva Laird Smith, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. I am pleased to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 173 / Senate Resolution 130, provided passage of these resolutions do not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) is committed to integrating the built environment with the landscape and natural beauty of Hawai'i. Liliuokalani Gardens is a historic and aesthetic landmark for Hilo and we are pleased that the newly-formed nonprofit, Friends of Liliuokalani Gardens, is working with the County of Hawaii on a master plan for its preservation and maintenance and a centennial celebration in 2017.

As this land is owned and maintained by the County of Hawaii, it would be appropriate for the County and the Friends of Liliuokalani Gardens to head the efforts for both the master plan and the centennial. The SFCA would most appropriately be involved in these projects on a consultative basis. The expertise of our Art in Public Places project managers includes participating in the development of master plans for public art, as well as making recommendations on the integration of art with landscape design and architectural elements. While our staff is fully scheduled for the coming biennium, we would be happy to lend our expertise on a periodic basis toward the successful planning and implementation of the Queen's Centennial Celebration..

With respect to program assistance to the centennial committee, our Folk and Traditional Arts Coordinator may be of value in contributing suggestions for the events and the involvement of artists and cultural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Testimony for THA/WTL/TEC on Apr 2, 2013 13:30PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hardy Spoehr	Papa Ola Lokahi	Support	No

Comments: Papa Ola LOkahi supports this legislation

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