
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE
CREATION OF URBAN ART ON STATE-OWNED PROPERTY.

1 WHEREAS, graffiti is a pervasive problem in many
2 communities throughout the State, causing visual blight and the
3 lowering of property values; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the negative effects of
6 graffiti make it an issue of great concern and the problem
7 persists despite community efforts to combat it; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that while these
10 negative effects cannot be ignored, graffiti is also recognized
11 as a legitimate artistic genre; and
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13 WHEREAS, as urban art, the graffiti style has historically
14 been used as social and political commentary, and numerous
15 publications have treated the subject as such; and
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17 WHEREAS, although there are different theories regarding
18 the purpose and effectiveness of urban art projects as a
19 deterrent to graffiti, a popular theory posits that authorized
20 outlets for urban art throughout a community will mitigate
21 unauthorized instances of graffiti; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that providing
24 legitimate, state-owned venues for urban art will enrich the
25 State's communities in many ways, including by reducing graffiti
26 through expanding opportunities for appropriate creative social
27 expression; and



1 WHEREAS, urban art may be defined as any painting or
2 artistic work composed in black and white or arrangements of
3 color, including mosaics, murals, stencil art, and other art
4 media and techniques; and

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6 WHEREAS, urban art excludes painting or work placed on a
7 structure that is erected for the sole or primary purpose of
8 signage, and graffiti as defined in section 46-1.5(24)(C) or
9 577-3.5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2014, that the State Foundation on Culture and the
14 Arts is requested to establish and administer a two-year pilot
15 program for the creation of urban art on state-owned property;
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
19 and the Arts is urged to consult with the Department of
20 Accounting and General Services, Department of Transportation,
21 Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic
22 Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural
23 Resources, and any other stakeholders deemed appropriate by the
24 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to establish procedures
25 for the pilot program, including procedures that address the
26 following:

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28 (1) The selection of participating individuals;
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30 (2) Site selection and designation of specific areas for
31 urban art on state-owned property;
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33 (3) Requirements and guidelines regarding the type and
34 size of urban art and art material to be used;
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36 (4) Rights to copyrights for the urban art created under
37 the pilot program;
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39 (5) Limitations, as necessary, on access to state-owned
40 property used for urban art, such as requirements for
41 safety and security; and



(6) Any other considerations that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts deems appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is urged to consult with the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic Hawaii Foundation, and any other stakeholders that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts deems appropriate to review the creation of urban art under the pilot program to ensure that the art does not adversely affect historic property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is requested to submit a report to the Legislature on the status of the pilot program for the creation of urban art and its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, regarding the continuation of the program on a permanent basis and methods to reduce illicit graffiti no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Comptroller, Director of Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division, and Executive Director of the Historic Hawaii Foundation.

OFFERED BY:

