
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO
CONDUCT A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
CREATIVE DISTRICTS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, creative districts encourage arts-based economic
2 development and community revitalization in areas across a
3 state; and
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5 WHEREAS, an increasing number of states throughout the
6 nation have recognized that a thriving creative sector is a
7 powerful economic development asset and that the establishment
8 of creative districts is one strategy that aids in the
9 development of creative sectors that stimulate economic growth,
10 oftentimes in economically depressed areas, and provides
11 numerous other cultural and civic benefits; and
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13 WHEREAS, a creative district is often defined as an area of
14 land within a community that has been designated as such by a
15 state, or a political subdivision of a state, and meets certain
16 specified criteria including that the area encompassing the
17 creative district is:
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- 19 (1) A geographically contiguous area of land;
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21 (2) Distinguished by physical, artistic, or cultural
22 resources that play a vital role in the quality and
23 life of the community in which it is located;
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25 (3) The site of a concentration of artistic or cultural
26 activity, a major arts or cultural institution or
27 facility, arts and entertainment businesses, or an
28 area with arts and cultural activities or artistic or
29 cultural production; and



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- 1 (4) Engaged in promoting, preserving, and educating the
2 public in various aspects of the arts and culture of
3 the community in which the district is located and
4 contributes to the public through interpretive,
5 educational, or recreational uses; and
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7 WHEREAS, the intended outcomes of creative districts extend
8 beyond the arts and cultural sector to benefit all members of a
9 community including by:

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11 (1) Attracting artists and artistic and cultural
12 enterprises to a local community;
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14 (2) Encouraging business and job development;
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16 (3) Addressing both urban and rural artistic, cultural,
17 and other needs;
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19 (4) Enhancement of tourism destinations;
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21 (5) Preserving and reusing historic buildings; and
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23 (6) Strengthening a community's cultural identity; and
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25 WHEREAS, while the establishment of creative districts can
26 have a tremendous economic impact on a community in which the
27 creative district is located and can be achieved at little cost
28 to the community, it is prudent that a cost-benefit analysis be
29 performed before designating an area as a creative district;
30 now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
34 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the State Foundation on
35 Culture and the Arts is requested to conduct a cost-benefit
36 analysis on the establishment of creative districts in Hawaii;
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
40 and the Arts is requested to submit a report of its findings and
41 recommendations, including identification of specific areas in
42 the State found to be the most suitable for the establishment of



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1 creative districts, and any proposed necessary legislation to
2 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
3 of the Regular Session of 2019; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
7 of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

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10 OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Lipton", is written over a horizontal line.

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