
HOUSE 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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- 31 (4) Engaged in promoting, preserving, and educating the
32 public in various aspects of the arts and culture of



1 the community in which the district is located and
2 contributes to the public through interpretive,
3 educational, or recreational uses; and
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5 WHEREAS, the intended outcomes of creative districts extend
6 beyond the arts and cultural sector to benefit all members of a
7 community including by:
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- 9 (1) Attracting artists and artistic and cultural
10 enterprises to a local community;
- 11 (2) Encouraging business and job development;
- 12 (3) Addressing both urban and rural artistic, cultural,
13 and other needs;
- 14 (4) Enhancement of tourism destinations;
- 15 (5) Preserving and reusing historic buildings; and
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- 17 (6) Strengthening a community's cultural identity; and
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23 WHEREAS, while the establishment of creative districts can
24 have a tremendous economic impact on a community in which the
25 creative district is located and can be achieved at little cost
26 to the community, it is prudent that a cost-benefit analysis be
27 performed before designating an area as a creative district;
28 now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2018, that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is
33 requested to conduct a cost-benefit analysis on the
34 establishment of creative districts in Hawaii; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Foundation on Culture
37 and the Arts is requested to submit a report of its findings and
38 recommendations, including identification of specific areas in
39 the State found to be the most suitable for the establishment of
40 creative districts, and any proposed necessary legislation to

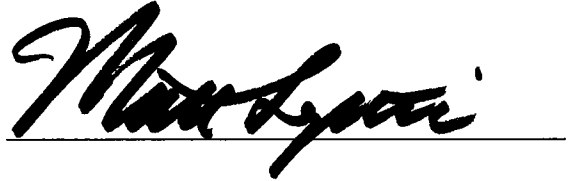


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1 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
2 of the Regular Session of 2019; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the State
6 Foundation on Culture and the Arts.
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OFFERED BY:



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