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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KAREN POLIVKA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on the confirmation of gubernatorial nominee, Karen Polivka, to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) Commission. The Department of Accounting and General Services recommends that Ms. Polivka be confirmed for the term expiring on 06-30-2022.

Ms. Polivka is an at-large member of the SFCA Commission. Currently, she serves as the Acting General Director of the Hawaii Opera Theatre (HOT). From 2003 to 2013, Ms. Polivka was instrumental in increasing revenues for the company to exceed \$1 million.

Ms. Polivka is also involved in volunteer activities ranging from Director of the Governor's Women's Leadership Conference (2007-2010), Director of the 50th Anniversary of Hawaii Statehood (2009), National Board Member of the Joyful Heart Foundation, and Board Member of the Kapiolani Hospital Foundation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I am pleased to testify in **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Karen Polivka to serve as a commissioner for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Mrs. Polivka earned Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in theatre and history from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg Virginia. Karen Polivka is well-known in Hawaii's arts community for her work with the Hawaii Opera Theatre and extensive volunteerism. Mrs. Polivka has served effectively on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission for the past four years and was most recently appointed to serve as chairperson of the Planning and Budget committee, vice-chair of the Legislative committee and a member of the Administrative committee.

The SFCA welcomes Mrs. Polivka's expertise in performing arts, her knowledge and experience in arts administration and passion for the arts. We are confident in Mrs. Polivka's ability to make a favorable contribution in support of the SFCA and its mission to promote, perpetuate and preserve culture and the arts in Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Karen Polivka's nomination.