
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO
ESTABLISH A REGISTRY OF CREATIVE ARTIST GIG WORKERS TO
ENABLE THE WORKERS TO ACCESS UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THROUGH
THE PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, freelancers, independent contractors, gig workers,
2 and other self-employed individuals who are out of work
3 typically would not qualify for regular unemployment benefits;
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6 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, these workers have
7 been afforded the opportunity to apply for relief through a new
8 program established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
9 Security Act called the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance
10 program; and

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12 WHEREAS, eligibility for weekly unemployment benefits
13 through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program depends on
14 a number of factors, one of which includes work history; and

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16 WHEREAS, creative artist gig workers may not have the
17 necessary work history requirements to qualify for relief
18 through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program; now,
19 therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Labor and
24 Industrial Relations is urged to establish a registry of
25 creative artist gig workers to enable the workers to access
26 unemployment benefits through the Pandemic Unemployment
27 Assistance program; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for purposes of this registry,
2 a "creative artist gig worker" is a person who creates art in
3 any medium and receives compensation on a per piece, per
4 project, or per event basis for that art; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the registry allow creative
7 artist gig workers to use their general excise tax license and
8 related filings to establish eligibility for unemployment
9 benefits; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Taxation is
12 requested to collaborate with the Department of Labor and
13 Industrial Relations in the establishment of a registry of
14 creative artist gig workers; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
18 of Labor and Industrial Relations, and Director of Taxation.
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OFFERED BY:



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