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## HOUSE 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, that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
24 is urged to establish a registry of creative artist gig workers  
25 to enable the workers to access unemployment benefits through  
26 the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program; and

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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for purposes of this registry,  
29 a "creative artist gig worker" is a person who creates art in  
30 any medium and receives compensation on a per piece, per  
31 project, or per event basis for that art; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the registry allow creative  
2 artist gig workers to use their general excise tax license and  
3 related filings to establish eligibility for unemployment  
4 benefits; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Taxation is  
7 requested to collaborate with the Department of Labor and  
8 Industrial Relations in the establishment of a registry of  
9 creative artist gig workers; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Labor and  
13 Industrial Relations, and Director of Taxation.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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