
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A CREATIVE RESURGENCE TASK FORCE TO
BUILD AND FOSTER CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION THROUGH THE
ARTS, CULTURE, AND HUMANITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic
2 has had a devastating impact on the nation's creative economy,
3 with many in the art, music, theater, dance, photography,
4 fashion design, architecture, film, and publishing industries
5 suffering immense losses in sales of goods and services,
6 employment, and earnings; and
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8 WHEREAS, not only have those in the creative industries and
9 creative occupations suffered disproportionately due to the
10 COVID-19 pandemic, but creativity has been diminished in schools
11 and universities, with students, educators, and artists being
12 unable to gather, perform, hold art and cultural events, and
13 pursue their studies, which has further led to significant
14 losses in arts education and the humanities; and
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16 WHEREAS, creative persons are fundamental to society and
17 essential to a robust economy and, particularly during the
18 COVID-19 pandemic, have kept people grounded and inspired
19 optimism, thus helping people find their way through chaos and
20 uncertainty and heal; and
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22 WHEREAS, creative persons also embrace new ideas and
23 possibilities, inspire collective thinking, and contribute to a
24 better understanding of the world and among people; and
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26 WHEREAS, the arts and humanities, whether through history,
27 philosophy and religion, modern and ancient languages and
28 literatures, fine and performing arts, media and cultural
29 studies, or other fields, are sources of vast creativity,
30 innovation, and learning; and



1 WHEREAS, a broad-based effort by the public and private
2 sectors, arts and cultural organizations, economic development
3 groups, and the community is needed to build and foster
4 creativity in the State; and
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6 WHEREAS, public funding for the arts, humanities, and other
7 creative art forms leads to a high return on investment that
8 benefits every Hawaii resident in communities throughout the
9 State; and
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11 WHEREAS, those in creative industries, creative
12 occupations, and creative fields of study contribute to the
13 State's and nation's economies and well-being through
14 innovation, inspiration, and opportunities for growth; now,
15 therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that a creative resurgence
20 task force be convened to build and foster creativity and
21 innovation through the arts, culture, and humanities in the
22 State; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task
25 force is requested to:
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- 27 (1) Examine and determine measures that can be implemented
28 to:
- 29 (A) Protect the tax-exempt status of creative and
30 cultural nonprofit organizations;
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- 32 (B) Support tax policies that increase charitable
33 support for the creative sector;
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- 35 (C) Repeal the monetary cap on charitable donation
36 deductions from the state income tax;
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- 38 (D) Increase the people's access to the arts,
39 creative sector, and humanities through
40 education, training, and workforce opportunities;
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(E) Advance and diversify the creative economy;

(2) Identify policies that specifically support and enable the creative economy to thrive; and

(3) Establish policies and programs that can be implemented by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to assist qualified creative sector workers in obtaining employment opportunities, training, and unemployment insurance benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task force is requested to include the following, or their designees, as members:

(1) Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;

(2) Director of Labor and Industrial Relations;

(3) Director of Taxation;

(4) A faculty member of the College of Arts, Languages, and Letters of the University of Hawaii at Manoa to be selected by the Dean of the College of Arts, Languages, and Letters;

(5) A faculty member of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Hawaii at Hilo to be selected by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences;

(6) A faculty member of the arts, music, creative media, or related program of the University of Hawaii West O'ahu to be selected by the University of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor;

(7) Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts;

(8) Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, City and County of Honolulu;



- 1 (9) Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Alliance for
- 2 Arts Education;
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- 4 (10) Executive Director of the Garden Island Arts Council;
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- 6 (11) Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Arts and Cultural
- 7 Center;
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- 9 (12) Executive Director of the Molokai Arts Center, Inc.;
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- 11 (13) A representative of the Royal Hawaiian Center; and
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- 13 (14) Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Institute for
- 14 Public Affairs; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may invite
 17 additional organizations, agencies, or individuals to
 18 participate in the task force; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the creative
 21 resurgence task force are requested to elect a chair and vice
 22 chair from among their membership; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task
 25 force is requested to submit a report describing the progress
 26 made by the task force and its findings and recommendations,
 27 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
 28 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 29 of 2022; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task
 32 force is requested to dissolve on June 30, 2022; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 36 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Labor
 37 and Industrial Relations; Director of Taxation; President of the
 38 University of Hawaii; Dean of the College of Arts, Languages,
 39 and Letters of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Dean of the
 40 College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Hawaii at
 41 Hilo; University of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor; Executive
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6 Arts Center, Inc.; representative of the Royal Hawaiian Center;
7 and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Institute for Public
8 Affairs.

