
SENATE 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
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32 WHEREAS, a broad-based effort by the public and private
33 sectors, arts and cultural organizations, economic development



1 groups, and the community is needed to build and foster
2 creativity in the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, public funding for the arts, humanities, and other
5 creative art forms leads to a high return on investment that
6 benefits every Hawaii resident in communities throughout the
7 State; and

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9 WHEREAS, those in creative industries, creative
10 occupations, and creative fields of study contribute to the
11 State's and nation's economies and well-being through
12 innovation, inspiration, and opportunities for growth; now,
13 therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
17 that a creative resurgence task force be convened to build and
18 foster creativity and innovation through the arts, culture, and
19 humanities in the State; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task
22 force is requested to:

- 23 (1) Examine and determine measures that can be implemented
- 24 to:
- 25 (A) Protect the tax-exempt status of creative and
- 26 cultural nonprofit organizations;
- 27 (B) Support tax policies that increase charitable
- 28 support for the creative sector;
- 29 (C) Repeal the monetary cap on charitable donation
- 30 deductions from the state income tax;
- 31 (D) Increase the people's access to the arts,
- 32 creative sector, and humanities through
- 33 education, training, and workforce opportunities;
- 34 and
- 35 (E) Advance and diversify the creative economy;
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1 (2) Identify policies that specifically support and enable
2 the creative economy to thrive; and
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4 (3) Establish policies and programs that can be
5 implemented by the Department of Labor and Industrial
6 Relations to assist qualified creative sector workers
7 in obtaining employment opportunities, training, and
8 unemployment insurance benefits; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task
11 force is requested to include the following as members, or their
12 designees:
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14 (1) Director of Business, Economic Development, and
15 Tourism;
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17 (2) Director of Labor and Industrial Relations;
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19 (3) Director of Taxation;
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21 (4) A faculty member of the College of Arts and Humanities
22 of the University of Hawaii at Manoa to be selected by
23 the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities;
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25 (5) A faculty member of the College of Arts and Sciences
26 of the University of Hawaii at Hilo to be selected by
27 the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences;
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29 (6) A faculty member of the arts, music, creative media,
30 or related program of the University of Hawaii West
31 O'ahu to be selected by the University of Hawaii West
32 O'ahu Chancellor;
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34 (7) Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Alliance for
35 Arts Education;
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37 (8) Executive Director of the Garden Island Arts Council;
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39 (9) Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Arts and Cultural
40 Center;
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42 (10) Executive Director of the Molokai Arts Center, Inc.;



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- 2 (11) A representative of the Royal Hawaiian Center;
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- 4 (12) Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Institute for
- 5 Public Affairs;
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- 7 (13) Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture
- 8 and the Arts; and
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- 10 (14) Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture
- 11 and the Arts, City and County of Honolulu; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may invite
 14 additional organizations, agencies, or individuals to
 15 participate in the task force; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the creative
 18 resurgence task force are requested to elect a chair and vice
 19 chair from among its membership; and

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

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

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 32 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
 33 Development, and Tourism; Director of Labor and Industrial
 34 Relations; Director of Taxation; President of the University of
 35 Hawaii; Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, University
 36 of Hawaii at Manoa; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,
 37 University of Hawaii at Hilo; University of Hawaii West O'ahu
 38 Chancellor; Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Alliance for
 39 Arts Education; Executive Director of the Garden Island Arts
 40 Council; Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Arts and Cultural
 41 Center; Executive Director of the Molokai Arts Center, Inc.;
 42 representative of the Royal Hawaiian Center; Chief Executive



- 1 Officer of the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs; Executive
- 2 Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; and
- 3 Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the
- 4 Arts, City and County of Honolulu.

