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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO CREATE A STATUTORY DEFINITION OF CREATIVE WORKERS AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX MAY BE USED TO ASSIST CREATIVE WORKERS.

1 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the
2 State's economy, particularly in the tourism industry; and
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4 WHEREAS, because of the decreased number of tourists,
5 Hawaii's creative artists have also suffered; and
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7 WHEREAS, tourists who come to Hawaii have historically
8 enjoyed the art produced by Hawaii's creative artists; and
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10 WHEREAS, it would be in the State's best interests to
11 leverage tourist dollars to support the creative arts; now,
12 therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
16 that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a
17 study to create a statutory definition of creative workers and
18 develop recommendations on how the Transient Accommodations Tax
19 may be used to assist creative workers; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when conducting the study, the
22 Legislative Reference Bureau is urged to consult with the
23 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
24 Department of Taxation; Department of Commerce and Consumer
25 Affairs; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii
26 Tourism Authority; Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the
27 Arts; and Hawaii Arts Alliance; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
30 Bureau is requested to submit a report, including any
31 recommendations and proposed legislation, to the Legislature no



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1 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the
2 2022 Regular Session; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Taxation; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority; Executive Director of Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; and Executive Director of the Hawaii Arts Alliance.

OFFERED BY:

