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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NALANI BRUN FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025.

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I am pleased to testify in **SUPPORT** of the nomination of Nalani Brun to serve as a commissioner for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Ms. Brun is a resident of the Island of Kaua'i, a Program Administrative Officer and Tourism Specialist for the County of Kauai -Office of Economic Development and is active in the Kaua'i culture and arts community. Ms. Brun's professional focus is on recovery of culture, maintaining relationships with cultural organizations and organizing festivals and events. Her work in the visitor industry and cultural restoration reflect a caring, compassionate and intelligent individual with genuine enthusiasm for improving the quality of life for residents while enriching the visitor experience.

Over the past four years, Ms. Brun has faithfully served as a commissioner with the SFCA lending her professional expertise in the visitor industry and her personal passion for hula and Hawaiian music. We are grateful for her contributions and look forward to her continued support of the SFCA and its mission to promote, preserve and perpetuate culture and the arts for the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Brun's nomination.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nalani Brun	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha!

I am grateful to be able to support my community in every way I can. As a professional vocalist, dancer and professional who works with many artists in other capacities, I am able to keep in the know with culture and the arts and able to provide Kauai feedback as best as possible.

Mahalo for your consideration. Nalani Kaauwai Brun