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# HOUSE 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 pandemic has had a devastating  
2 impact on the nation's creative economy, with many in the art,  
3 music, theater, dance, photography, fashion design,  
4 architecture, film, and publishing industries suffering immense  
5 losses in sales of goods and services, employment, and earnings;  
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8           WHEREAS, not only have those in the creative industries and  
9 creative occupations suffered disproportionately due to the  
10 coronavirus, but creativity has been diminished in schools and  
11 universities with students, educators, and artists being unable  
12 to gather, perform, hold art and cultural events, and pursue  
13 their studies, which has further led to significant losses to  
14 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 this  
18 pandemic, have kept people grounded and inspired optimism, thus  
19 helping people find their way through chaos and uncertainty  
20 while helping people 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 House of Representatives of the  
18 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
19 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that a creative resurgence task  
20 force be convened to build and foster creativity and innovation  
21 through the arts, culture, and humanities; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
24 force is requested to examine:  
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- 26 (1) Protecting the tax-exempt status of creative and  
27 cultural nonprofits;
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- 29 (2) Supporting tax policies that increase charitable  
30 support for the creative sector;
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- 32 (3) Repealing a cap on charitable donation deductions from  
33 the state income tax;
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- 35 (4) Identifying policies that specifically support and  
36 enable the creative economy to thrive;
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- 38 (5) Establishing policies and supports within the  
39 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to assist  
40 qualified creative sector workers seeking employment  
41 opportunities, training, and unemployment insurance  
42 benefits;



1 (6) Increasing access to the arts, the creative sector,  
2 and the humanities through education, training, and  
3 workforce opportunities; and  
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5 (7) Other ideas and proposals that would advance and  
6 diversify the creative economy; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
9 force is requested to include the following persons, or their  
10 designees, as members:  
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12 (1) A faculty member of the College of Arts, Languages,  
13 and Letters of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, to  
14 be selected by the Dean of the College of Arts,  
15 Languages, and Letters;  
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17 (2) A faculty member of the College of Arts and Sciences  
18 of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, to be selected by  
19 the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences;  
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21 (3) A faculty member of the arts, or related program, of  
22 the University of Hawaii West O'ahu, to be selected by  
23 the University of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor;  
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25 (4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
26 Tourism;  
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28 (5) The Executive Director of the Hawai'i Arts Alliance;  
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30 (6) The Executive Director of the Garden Island Arts  
31 Council;  
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33 (7) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Maui  
34 Arts and Cultural Center;  
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36 (8) The Executive Director of the Molokai Arts Center;  
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38 (9) The Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Hawaiian  
39 Center;  
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41 (10) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the  
42 Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs;



- 1 (11) The Executive Director of the State Foundation on
- 2 Culture and the Arts;
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- 4 (12) The Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of
- 5 Culture and the Arts of the City and County of
- 6 Honolulu;
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- 8 (13) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
- 9 President of the Senate; and
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- 11 (14) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
- 12 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 13 Representatives; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may invite  
 16 additional organizations, agencies, or individuals to  
 17 participate in the task force; and

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

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

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the creative resurgence task  
 31 force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2022; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
 35 University of Hawaii System; Director of Business, Economic  
 36 Development, and Tourism; Executive Director of the State  
 37 Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Executive Director of the  
 38 Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts of the City and County of  
 39 Honolulu; Executive Director of the Hawai'i Arts Alliance;  
 40 Executive Director of the Garden Island Arts Council; President  
 41 and Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Arts and Cultural  
 42 Center; Executive Director of the Molokai Arts Center; Chief



1 Executive Officer of the Royal Hawaiian Center; and President  
2 and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Institute for Public  
3 Affairs.

