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TESTIMONY OF THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS March 30, 2022, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference at 3:00PM G.M. 705

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TAYLOUR CHANG FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026.

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 Taylour Chang to serve as a commissioner for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Ms. Chang attended Yale University's Ezra Stiles College receiving a Bachelor of Arts in her double major of Film Studies and Theater Studies. In her senior year, Ms. Chang was the recipient of the Paul H. and Brigitte P. Fry Cup, awarded to the senior who has made the greatest contribution to the arts.

Ms. Chang has continued to channel her passion for the arts in her professional work at the Honolulu Museum of Art where she held the roles of Theatre Manager, Director of Doris Duke Theatre, Curator of Film and Performance as well as forthcoming at the Bishop Museum as the Director of Public Programs and Community Engagement. Her dedication to arts and the community is also reflected serving as a Board Member for arts and culture organizations of Hawai'i, including; Women in Filmmaking, Friends of the East West Center, and Art House Convergence.

We are confident in Ms. Chang's ability and expertise in the arts will make a positive contribution in support of the SFCA and its mission to promote, perpetuate and preserve culture and the arts in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter in support of Ms. Chang's nomination.