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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CREATIVE RESURGENCE TASK FORCE CONTINUE TO EXAMINE AND DETERMINE MEASURES AND ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO BUILD AND FOSTER CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION THROUGH THE ARTS, CULTURE, AND HUMANITIES IN THE STATE.

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



1 studies, or other fields, are sources of vast creativity,  
2 innovation, and learning; and

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4 WHEREAS, a broad-based effort by the public and private  
5 sectors, arts and cultural organizations, economic development  
6 groups, and the community is needed to build and foster  
7 creativity in the State; and

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9 WHEREAS, public funding for the arts, humanities, and other  
10 creative art forms leads to a high return on investment that  
11 benefits every Hawaii resident in communities throughout the  
12 State; and

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14 WHEREAS, those in creative industries, creative  
15 occupations, and creative fields of study contribute to the  
16 State's and nation's economies and well-being through  
17 innovation, inspiration, and opportunities for growth; and

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19 WHEREAS, in 2021, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent  
20 Resolution 242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 (S.C.R. No. 242), which called  
21 for the convening of a Creative Resurgence Task Force to build  
22 and foster creativity and innovation through the arts, culture,  
23 and humanities in the State; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force was requested  
26 to examine and determine measures and establish policies and  
27 programs to support and encourage access to the creative sector  
28 and advance and diversify the creative economy and report its  
29 findings and recommendations to the Legislature prior to the  
30 convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force has met several  
33 times since the adoption of S.C.R. No. 242, with fruitful  
34 discussions and work product; and

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36 WHEREAS, S.C.R. No. 242 established a sunset date of  
37 June 30, 2022, for the Creative Resurgence Task Force; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force needs  
40 additional time to conduct its work as requested pursuant to  
41 S.C.R. No. 242; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Creative Resurgence  
4 Task Force is requested to continue to examine and determine  
5 measures and establish policies and programs to build and foster  
6 creativity and innovation through the arts, culture, and  
7 humanities in the State, as specified in Senate Concurrent  
8 Resolution No. 242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 (2021); and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Creative Resurgence Task  
11 Force is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
12 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
13 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
14 the Regular Session of 2023; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Creative Resurgence Task  
17 Force is requested to dissolve upon submittal of its report to  
18 the Legislature or on June 30, 2030, whichever occurs later; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
22 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Labor  
23 and Industrial Relations; Director of Taxation; President of the  
24 University of Hawaii; Dean of the College of Arts, Languages,  
25 and Letters of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Dean of the  
26 College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Hawaii at  
27 Hilo; University of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor; Executive  
28 Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts;  
29 Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the  
30 Arts, City and County of Honolulu; and Chief Executive Officer  
31 of the Hawai'i Alliance for Arts Education.  
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