
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO
REPORT INFORMATION RELATING TO EXPENDITURES FROM THE WORKS
OF ART SPECIAL FUND FOR THE CURATION AND PRESERVATION OF
NATIVE HAWAIIAN ART.

1 WHEREAS, the first chairman of the Hawai'i State Foundation
2 on Culture and the Arts (Foundation), Pundy Yokouchi, once said,
3 "Art is as important as education, because art is education."
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6 WHEREAS, much Native Hawaiian art, like its language, is
7 displayed through oral and dance performances, which are not
8 supported through the Works of Art Special Fund; and

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10 WHEREAS, in the Foundation's 2019-2023 Strategic Priorities
11 report, only one of the twelve objectives is dedicated to Native
12 Hawaiians; and

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14 WHEREAS, under this single objective, three strategies are
15 listed:

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17 (1) Strengthen relationships with Native Hawaiian
18 community-based organizations;
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20 (2) Regularly liaise with representatives from community
21 organizations serving Native Hawaiians; and
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23 (3) Actively encourage, support, and acknowledge Native
24 Hawaiian culture; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Foundation does not report on the need to
27 perpetuate traditional and customary practices while supporting
28 the self-determination and advancement of Native Hawaiian
29 cultural practitioners and artists; and
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1 WHEREAS, the report also omits language on the need to
2 secure Native Hawaiian culture, arts, and intellectual property
3 against misappropriation and exploitation; and
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5 WHEREAS, the inclusion of performing arts as a permissible
6 use of the Works of Art Special Fund would support hālau hula
7 and other oli and mele practitioners and perpetuate Native
8 Hawaiian cultural practices; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2022, that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is
13 requested to provide a report on the total amount of funding
14 expended from the Works of Art Special Fund for the curation of
15 art produced by an individual of Native Hawaiian decent ("Native
16 Hawaiian art"), number of Native Hawaiian art pieces acquired,
17 percentage of all works collected through the Works of Art
18 Special Fund that is Native Hawaiian art, cost per Native
19 Hawaiian art piece acquired, and percentage of the cost of all
20 works collected through the Works of Art Special Fund attributed
21 to the cost of acquiring Native Hawaiian art; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Foundation is further
24 requested to submit the report to the Legislature no later than
25 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
26 2023; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the State
30 Foundation on Culture and the Arts.
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OFFERED BY:



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