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# SENATE 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 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic  
2 has had a devastating impact on the nation's creative economy,  
3 with many in the art, music, theater, dance, photography,  
4 fashion design, architecture, film, and publishing industries  
5 suffering immense losses in sales of goods and services,  
6 employment, and earnings; and  
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8           WHEREAS, not only have those in the creative industries and  
9 creative occupations suffered disproportionately due to the  
10 COVID-19 pandemic, but creativity has been diminished in schools  
11 and universities with students, educators, and artists being  
12 unable to gather, perform, hold art and cultural events, and  
13 pursue their studies, which has further led to significant  
14 losses to 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 literature, fine and performing arts, media and cultural  
29 studies, or other fields, are sources of vast creativity,  
30 innovation, and learning; and



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2 WHEREAS, a broad-based effort by the public and private  
3 sectors, arts and cultural organizations, economic development  
4 groups, and the community is needed to build and foster  
5 creativity in the State; and  
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7 WHEREAS, public funding for the arts, humanities, and other  
8 creative art forms leads to a high return on investment that  
9 benefits every Hawaii resident in communities throughout the  
10 State; and  
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12 WHEREAS, those in creative industries, creative  
13 occupations, and creative fields of study contribute to the  
14 State's and nation's economies and well-being through  
15 innovation, inspiration, and opportunities for growth; and  
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17 WHEREAS, in 2021, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent  
18 Resolution No. 242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2021  
19 (S.C.R. No. 242), which called for the convening of a Creative  
20 Resurgence Task Force to build and foster creativity and  
21 innovation through the arts, culture, and humanities in the  
22 State; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force was requested  
25 to examine and determine measures and establish policies and  
26 programs to support and encourage access to the creative sector  
27 and advance and diversify the creative economy and report its  
28 findings and recommendations to the Legislature prior to the  
29 convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force has met several  
32 times since the adoption of S.C.R. No. 242, with fruitful  
33 discussions and work product; and  
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35 WHEREAS, S.C.R. No. 242 established a sunset date of  
36 June 30, 2022, for the Creative Resurgence Task Force; and  
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38 WHEREAS, the Creative Resurgence Task Force needs  
39 additional time to conduct its work as requested pursuant to  
40 S.C.R. No. 242; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Creative  
4 Resurgence Task Force is requested to continue to examine and  
5 determine measures and establish policies and programs to build  
6 and foster creativity and innovation through the arts, culture,  
7 and humanities in the State, as specified in Senate Concurrent  
8 Resolution No. 242, S.D.1, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 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 on June 30, 2023; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
21 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Labor  
22 and Industrial Relations; Director of Taxation; President of the  
23 University of Hawaii; Dean of the College of Arts, Languages,  
24 and Letters of the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Dean of the  
25 College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Hawaii at  
26 Hilo; University of Hawaii West O'ahu Chancellor; Executive  
27 Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts;  
28 Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the  
29 Arts, City and County of Honolulu; and Chief Executive Officer  
30 of the Hawai'i Alliance for Arts Education.

