
SENATE 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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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; and

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

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

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

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

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

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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
42 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,



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

