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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO
ESTABLISH A MUSEUM OF MODERN HAWAII HISTORY TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, the State has made national and global impacts
2 that deserve to be celebrated and taught to both visitors and
3 residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, since the beginning of the twentieth century, the
6 State has served as a stage for national and global history such
7 as the events of World War II and landmark judicial rulings such
8 as the *Baehr v. Miike*, 80 Haw. 341 (1996), decision relating to
9 same-sex marriage; and
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11 WHEREAS, the State was also instrumental as a birthplace of
12 crucial legislation and political progress such as Title IX of
13 the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex
14 discrimination in any education program or activity receiving
15 federal financial assistance, and the enactment of Act 97,
16 Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, which establishes a renewable
17 energy portfolio standards target of one hundred percent
18 renewable electric energy by December 31, 2045; and
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20 WHEREAS, presently, other institutions in the State share
21 the histories and stories of Hawaii's history before the modern
22 era, including:
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- 24 (1) The Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, also known as the
25 State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural
26 History, has a primary focus on early Hawaiian
27 history, navigation, and science;
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- 29 (2) Iolani Palace, which provides a primary focus on the
30 Hawaiian monarchy and overthrow era;
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- 32 (3) The King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center, which
33 has a primary focus on educating the public on the
34 judicial process and Hawaii's legal history; and
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1 (4) The State Archives, which has a vast catalogue of
2 historical documents and artifacts such as copies of
3 the Hawaii State Constitution and moon rocks, but no
4 meaningful place to properly exhibit certain items and
5 tell their stories; and
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7 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Museum of Modern Hawaii
8 History will build on the stories and history told by other
9 partner institutions and allow residents and tourists to learn
10 about and reflect upon the State's rich history and global
11 achievements in the modern statehood era; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
15 that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is requested
16 to establish a task force to develop plans for a Museum of
17 Modern Hawaii History; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
20 consist of the following members:
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- 22 (1) The Executive Director of the State Foundation on
23 Culture and the Arts, or their designee, who is
24 requested to serve as chairperson;
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- 26 (2) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the
27 Hawaii Tourism Authority, or their designee;
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- 29 (3) The State Archivist, or their designee;
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- 31 (4) The Chief Justice, or their designee, representing the
32 King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center;
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- 34 (5) The chairpersons of the Senate and House of
35 Representatives standing committees whose purview is
36 culture and the arts, or their designees; and
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- 38 (6) Additional members with appropriate special expertise
39 who are recommended by the members with approval from
40 the chairperson; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Museum of Modern Hawaii
2 History is requested to have the following scope:

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- 4 (1) Primarily focus on the territorial and statehood eras
- 5 of Hawaii's history and complement other institutions;
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- 7 (2) Chronicle Hawaii's significant milestones and events
- 8 in its history and the leadership that the State has
- 9 demonstrated with respect to many significant issues
- 10 facing the nation and the world;
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- 12 (3) Provide a window into current events and issues; and
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- 14 (4) Partner with other institutions in Hawaii and abroad
- 15 to share relevant narratives; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
18 submit an annual report of its progress, findings, and
19 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
20 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the Regular Sessions of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
24 dissolve on January 2, 2027; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Accounting and
28 General Services, Chief Justice, Executive Director of the State
29 Foundation on Culture and the Arts, President and Chief
30 Executive of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and State Archivist.

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33 OFFERED BY: _____

