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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members
of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

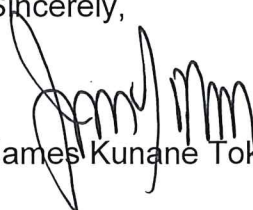
Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) is relating information by the Creative Industries Division (CID), for Creative Resurgence Task Force, as required by SCR 118, Senate Concurrent Resolution of 2022. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/overview/annual-reports-reports-to-the-legislature/>.

In accordance with SCR 118, Senate Concurrent Resolution 2022, CID requested updates in the past year from introducer and from the convener of the task force, Hawai'i Arts Alliance (HAA). We have been informed by HAA, that meetings of the task force were not completed. Therefore, there is no recommendation from the body for the governor to appoint a creative resurgence cabinet member with no actions to report SCR 118 has sunset this year, June 2023.

The department continues its work to support our creative sectors development through CID and is available to be a convener for other initiatives such as SCR 118 outlined, should measures pass this coming session.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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