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# SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE CAPITOL MODERN MUSEUM AND STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS, SONGWRITERS, AND PRODUCERS TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT ON A PUBLIC PLATFORM WHILE FOSTERING ACCESS TO ALL FORMS OF ART.

1           WHEREAS, the Capitol Modern is a free public art museum  
2 located in downtown Honolulu that enhances the profound  
3 combination of mixed cultures of the State of Hawaii while  
4 providing educational learning experiences to the general public  
5 and youth; and

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7           WHEREAS, in 1967, Hawaii became the first state in the  
8 nation to adopt a percent-for-art law with the enactment of the  
9 Art in State Buildings law, which designates one percent of  
10 construction costs of new buildings for the acquisition of works  
11 of art, either by commission or purchase; and

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13           WHEREAS, the purpose of the Art in State Buildings law is  
14 to elevate and humanize state buildings and to increase public  
15 access to the arts; and

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17           WHEREAS, in 1989, the Legislature created the works of art  
18 special fund, expanding upon the provisions of the Art in State  
19 Buildings law to include having works of art available to all  
20 state public places; and

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22           WHEREAS, there are now more than three hundred public art  
23 programs nationwide at the federal, state, and county levels;  
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26           WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Art in State Buildings  
27 law, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) has  
28 acquired works from local and international artists and from  
29 curated exhibits across the State; and

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31           WHEREAS, works of art enhance the physical environment of  
32 state buildings while providing educational experiences of  
33 visual arts to the public through the Art in Public Places  
34 program; and



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WHEREAS, the work of the program partners and youth participants further encourages a celebration of arts and culture while elevating Hawaiian culture and other heritages through displays of work representing different social groups, nations, and customs; and

WHEREAS, the youth art programs raise awareness about art education while creating diversity in the representation of cultures and equity for all youth who want to compete; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of student artist internships and art education as important foundations to teach, train, equip, and empower student artists, and to encourage local talent and help independent producers grow their artistry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the Hawaiian culture personifies the people of Hawaii with an identity that makes our State unique, original, and different; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Capitol Modern museum and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are encouraged to increase opportunities for artists, songwriters, and producers to showcase their talent on a public platform while fostering access to all forms of art, including fine arts, performing arts, music, filmmaking, digital arts, literature, wood carving, photography, and ceramics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Modern museum and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are urged to focus on education, extracurricular activity, and career development strategies for art students from kindergarten through twelfth grade and at the college level to enhance their learning experience with access to career pathways, scholarships, grants, and apprenticeship opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Modern museum and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are urged to develop collaborations with other art-focused entities, including the Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, Hawaii Theatre,



1 Honolulu Youth Theatre, Diamond Head Theatre, and Hawaii Youth  
2 Symphony; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Modern museum and  
5 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are urged to consider  
6 partnering with public and private schools nationally and across  
7 the State to equip and empower youth to elevate their art  
8 productions while further creating accessibility in art  
9 programming and resources for the youth of Hawaii; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Modern museum and  
12 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts are urged to focus on  
13 exemplifying the Hawaiian culture through its collaborations,  
14 partnerships, and displays of art; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
18 Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the  
19 Arts, Director of the Capitol Modern museum, Executive Director  
20 of the Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts,  
21 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Theatre,  
22 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Youth  
23 Symphony, Executive Director of the Diamond Head Theatre, and  
24 Managing Director of the Honolulu Theatre for Youth.

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