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Testimony of KAREN EWALD, Executive Director State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

RELATING TO SCR 147/SR125 RELATING TO WORLD WAR II, JAPAN, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PEARL HARBOR, NUCLEAR BOMBS, COMMEMORATION

FRIDAY, April 12, 2024 Conference Room 309 at 9:00 AM

Dear Chair Tam and members of the Committee,

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) provides **COMMENTS on** S.C.R.147/ S.R.125 requesting the SFCA to plan and construct a memorial to properly honor the lives lost in Hawaii and Japan as a result of World War II.

If it is the desire of the Legislature, the SFCA will form an Art Advisory Committee (AAC) following the SFCA's collection management policy for all new works of art. AAC's assist with the selection of location, defining the medium and theme of the work of art, recommending and artist, and review of design proposals.

SFCA supports the future appropriation of funding to implement the proposed intent, provided doing so does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.