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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A HAWAII CULTURAL TRUST TO PRESERVE  
AND PROMOTE HAWAII'S CULTURAL RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to a rich cultural heritage that  
2 includes indigenous traditions, historical landmarks, diverse  
3 artistic expressions, and significant cultural institutions; and  
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5 WHEREAS, sustained investment in cultural preservation,  
6 heritage, and the arts supports economic growth, education,  
7 tourism, and the overall well-being of the people of Hawaii; and  
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9 WHEREAS, various states have successful cultural trusts  
10 that could be used as models for sustainable funding of cultural  
11 organizations by leveraging donations and tax incentives to  
12 support arts and heritage programs; and  
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14 WHEREAS, establishing a Hawaii Cultural Trust could enhance  
15 financial sustainability for cultural institutions and the arts  
16 to provide long-term support for the preservation and promotion  
17 of Hawaii's cultural resources; now, therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that a working group is  
22 requested to be established to study the feasibility of creating  
23 a Hawaii Cultural Trust to preserve and promote Hawaii's  
24 cultural resources; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
27 to consist of the following members:  
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29 (1) The chairperson of the House of Representatives  
30 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over



1 culture and the arts, who is requested to serve as co-  
2 chairperson of the working group for the purposes of  
3 convening the working group;

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5 (2) The chairperson of the Senate standing committee with  
6 primary jurisdiction over culture and the arts, who is  
7 requested to serve as co-chairperson of the working  
8 group for the purposes of convening the working group;

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10 (3) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
11 Tourism, or the Director's designee;

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13 (4) The Director of the State Foundation on Culture and  
14 the Arts, or the Director's designee;

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16 (5) The Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian  
17 Affairs, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee;

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19 (6) The Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of  
20 the Hawaii Tourism Authority, or the Interim President  
21 and Chief Executive Officer's designee; and

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23 (7) The chairperson of the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission,  
24 or the chairperson's designee; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
27 to invite a representative or the representative's designee from  
28 the following organizations to participate in the working group:

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30 (1) The Hawai'i Council for the Humanities;

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32 (2) A Native Hawaiian cultural organization;

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34 (3) A nonprofit cultural or arts organization;

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36 (4) A university or research institution specializing in  
37 cultural policy or arts administration; and

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39 (5) Any other members as deemed necessary by the working  
40 group to ensure a comprehensive study; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
2 to examine the potential structure, funding mechanisms, and  
3 governance models for a cultural trust in Hawaii, including but  
4 not limited to:

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- 6 (1) Identifying potential sources of funding, including  
7 public, private, and philanthropic contributions;  
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- 9 (2) Exploring tax incentives and other fiscal strategies  
10 to encourage donations;  
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- 12 (3) Evaluating the impact such a trust could have on  
13 Hawaii's cultural institutions, the arts, and  
14 communities;  
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- 16 (4) Assessing any administrative and legal frameworks  
17 necessary to implement and maintain a cultural trust;  
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- 20 (5) Drafting recommendations for legislative action,  
21 including proposed legislation establishing the Hawaii  
22 Cultural Trust; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
25 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
26 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
27 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
28 of 2026; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director  
32 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of  
33 the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Chief Executive  
34 Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Interim President and  
35 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority;  
36 Chairperson of the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission; and Executive  
37 Director of the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities.

