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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO ACQUIRE THE HAWAII THEATRE TO PROMOTE LOCAL CULTURE AND ARTS, PRESERVE ITS HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND FACILITATE ITS CONTINUED PUBLIC USE.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Theatre, located in downtown Honolulu,  
2 is a historic landmark that has served as a cultural and  
3 performing arts center since opening in 1922; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the theatre has played a significant role in the  
6 State's cultural and artistic heritage, hosting performances,  
7 concerts, and community events that celebrate the State's  
8 diverse history and traditions; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the preservation and continued operation of the  
11 Hawaii Theatre are vital to supporting the arts, fostering  
12 economic development, and enhancing the vibrancy of Honolulu's  
13 downtown district; and  
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15          WHEREAS, the State has invested approximately \$30 million  
16 in public grants and assistance for the renovation and  
17 preservation of the Hawaii Theater; and  
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19          WHEREAS, public ownership of the Hawaii Theatre by the  
20 State would ensure its long-term preservation, allow for  
21 necessary renovations and improvements, and expand access to  
22 arts and cultural programming for residents and visitors alike;  
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25          WHEREAS, investing in the Hawaii Theatre aligns with the  
26 State's broader efforts to promote historical preservation,  
27 economic revitalization, and cultural enrichment in Hawaii; now,  
28 therefore,  
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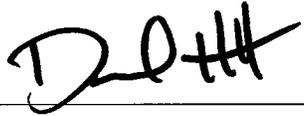
30          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
32 of 2025, that the State is urged to acquire the Hawaii Theatre  
33 to promote local culture and arts, preserve its historic and  
34 cultural significance, and facilitate its continued public use;  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to work collaboratively with local arts organizations, cultural institutions, and community stakeholders to develop a long-term operational plan for the Hawaii Theatre that maximizes public benefit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Theatre Center.

OFFERED BY:   
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