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SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Senate of the Thirty-third
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the State is urged to



1 acquire the Hawaii Theatre to promote local culture and arts,
2 preserve its historic and cultural significance, and facilitate
3 its continued public use; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is requested to work
6 collaboratively with local arts organizations, cultural
7 institutions, and community stakeholders to develop a long-term
8 operational plan for the Hawaii Theatre that maximizes public
9 benefit; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President
13 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the
15 Arts, and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Theatre Center.
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OFFERED BY: _____

