

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15, 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 131

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Culture & Arts, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge 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.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this
measure.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Theatre, located in
downtown Honolulu, is a historic landmark that has served as a
cultural and performing arts center since opening in 1922. The
Theatre has played a significant role in the State's cultural and
artistic heritage by hosting performances, concerts, and community
events that celebrate the State's diverse history and traditions.
Your Committee therefore believes that public ownership of the
Hawaii Theatre by the State will ensure the Theatre's long-term
preservation, enable necessary renovations and improvements, and

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expand access to arts and cultural programming for residents and visitors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 131 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture & Arts,



JEANNE KAPCIA, Chair



