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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ARTS EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that access to high-  
2 quality arts education supports student engagement, academic  
3 success, and whole-child development. The legislature further  
4 finds that the state foundation on culture and the arts' artists  
5 in the schools program provides meaningful arts learning  
6 experiences by embedding professional artists in classrooms to  
7 serve students across the public and public charter school  
8 system.

9 The artists in the schools program directly aligns with the  
10 state foundation on culture and the arts' mission to foster  
11 cultural literacy and community engagement by delivering high-  
12 quality arts education to underserved students. By embedding  
13 professional artists in classrooms, the program supports the  
14 development of critical twenty-first century skills, including  
15 creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration, that are  
16 essential for future workforce success and engaged citizenship.



1        Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
2        funds to the state foundation on culture and the arts to fund  
3        the artists in the schools program.

4        SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5        revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$220,000 or so much  
6        thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to fund  
7        the artists in the schools program.

8        The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state  
9        foundation on culture and the arts for the purposes of this Act.

10       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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# H.B. NO. 2437

**Report Title:**

Arts Education; Artists in the Schools; State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the Artists in the Schools program.

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