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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that public art is a  
2 powerful tool for cultural preservation, community identity, and  
3 placemaking. Through the state foundation on culture and the  
4 arts' commissioned works of art program, Hawaii ensures that  
5 public spaces reflect the State's unique multicultural heritage,  
6 history, and values, while supporting local artists and  
7 strengthening the creative economy.

8 The legislature further finds that the state foundation on  
9 culture and the arts is currently updating its communications  
10 and dissemination protocols to increase awareness of the  
11 commissioned works of art program among state departments and  
12 other stakeholders. As a result of this outreach, the  
13 foundation anticipates increased requests for commissioned works  
14 of art from state agencies, including schools, libraries, and  
15 other public facilities.

16 The purpose of this Act is to:



- (1) Increase the ceiling of the works of art special fund to allow the state foundation on culture and the arts to fulfill current and projected requests for commissioned works of art;
- (2) Appropriate funds for the maintenance, upkeep, and preservation of the State's public art and collections; and
- (3) Establish a collections manager position within the state foundation on culture and the arts.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the works of art  
11 special fund the sum of \$2,300,000 or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 to support the commissioning  
13 and acquisition of works of arts for display in state buildings  
14 and spaces for public enjoyment and enrichment.

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

17 SECTION 3 There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,700,000 or so much  
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 as a  
20 capital improvement project lump sum appropriation for  
21 maintenance, upkeep, and preservation of the State's public art



1 and collections, including conservation services, expert  
2 curatorial care, and environmental controls necessary to prevent  
3 deterioration and preservation of the State's cultural and  
4 historical assets for current and future generations.

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

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$106,548 or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the  
10 establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent  
11 collections manager position.

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

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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**Report Title:**

SFCA; Works of Art Special Fund; Appropriation

**Description:**

Increases the ceiling of the works of art special fund. Appropriates funds for the maintenance, upkeep, and preservation of the State's public art and collections. Appropriates funds for a collections manager position within the state foundation on culture and the arts.

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