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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that preserving and
2 promoting culture and the arts is a critical state function. To
3 fulfill this duty, the legislature established the state
4 foundation on culture and the arts in 1965.

5 The legislature further finds that an entity dedicated to
6 improving the creative value of government projects and services
7 would support the State in fulfilling its duties.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the
9 office of creative innovation to execute innovative legislative
10 and executive projects and develop creative value for public
11 facilities, services, and communities.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
13 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
14 as follows:

15 "PART . OFFICE OF CREATIVE INNOVATION

16 **S9-A Definitions.** As used in this part:



1 "Office" means the office of creative innovation
2 established pursuant to section 9-B.

3 "Executive director" means the executive director of the
4 office of creative innovation, appointed pursuant to section
5 9-B(b).

6 **§9-B Office of creative innovation; established; executive**
7 **director.** (a) There is established an office of creative
8 innovation within the foundation for administrative purposes
9 only.

10 (b) The office shall be headed by an executive director
11 who shall be appointed by the governor without regard to chapter
12 76. Notwithstanding section 76-16(b)(17), this exemption from
13 chapter 76 shall not expire.

14 (c) The executive director may employ staff for the office
15 without regard to chapters 76 and 89; provided that the staff
16 shall be members of the state employees' retirement system and
17 shall be eligible to receive the benefits of any state employee
18 benefit program generally applicable to officers and employees
19 of the State. Notwithstanding section 76-16(b)(17), the
20 exemption from chapter 76 shall not expire.



§9-C Office of creative innovation; functions and duties.

8 The office shall:

9 (1) Execute projects and programs as directed by the
10 governor and legislature;
11 (2) Support and assist all state departments and agencies
12 with creative and innovative improvements to their
13 projects and programs;
14 (3) Develop creative and innovative projects and programs
15 to expand overall value and quality of life to the
16 public, pilot new approaches, and pursue alternative
17 or nontraditional measures; and
18 (4) Identify creative and innovative best practices used
19 by other jurisdictions.

20 **§9-D Annual report.** The office shall submit an annual
21 report summarizing its activities during the preceding year to



1 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
2 of each regular session. The report shall include:

3 (1) Actions taken to address issues, unmet needs, and
4 challenges relating to wellness and resilience;

5 (2) Funds received for the activities of the office from
6 federal, state, private, and philanthropic sources;

7 (3) The office's engagement with community entities and
8 other stakeholders; and

9 (4) Any other findings and recommendations, including any
10 proposed legislation."

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 3007

Report Title:

Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Office of Creative Innovation; Establishment; Reports

Description:

Establishes the Office of Creative Innovation within the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for administrative purposes only. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

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