
SENATE RESOLUTION

CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO ESTABLISH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE
ENGAGEMENT AND RELATED INITIATIVES.

1 WHEREAS, the State has long served as a center for cultural
2 exchange, artistic expression, and intellectual collaboration
3 due to its unique history, cultural heritage, and geographic
4 position in the Pacific; and

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6 WHEREAS, other states have helped empower communities and
7 the people within them by establishing arts and cultural centers
8 that provide for creative residency programming for artists,
9 writers, scholars, and other creators with opportunities and
10 safe spaces to collaborate, develop new work, educate students
11 and aspiring peers, and engage with local communities; and

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13 WHEREAS, such programs frequently bring in creators at the
14 top of their industries and disciplines, including award winning
15 artists, composers, authors, and others, who benefit local
16 communities through public lectures, workshops, and educational
17 programming in partnership with universities, community
18 colleges, schools, and community organizations; and

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20 WHEREAS, the State's arts and culture landscape provides an
21 appropriate setting for an arts and cultural center that
22 supports creative residencies while fostering public engagement
23 and educational programming; and

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25 WHEREAS, some of the most successful models of these kinds
26 of arts and culture centers are quasi-government nonprofit
27 organizations that supplement and support broader government-run
28 efforts and programs, as these models provide more flexibility
29 and adaptability for private fundraising, management,
30 innovation, and community engagement; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,



1 that there is convened a working group to establish a nonprofit
2 organization recognized by the State to support arts and culture
3 engagement and related initiatives; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall be
6 chaired by the Chair of the Senate Standing Committee with
7 primary jurisdiction over arts and culture; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall include
10 a representative of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts
11 and other members or subject matter experts, to be invited by
12 the Chair; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall:

- 15 (1) Identify successful arts and culture residency
16 nonprofit models in other jurisdictions;
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- 18 (2) Examine governance structures and partnership models
19 used by those organizations;
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- 21 (3) Develop and establish the structure, governance, and
22 operational framework of a nonprofit organization as
23 may be appropriate to provide for arts and culture
24 residencies in the State to connect leading creators
25 in their fields with local counterparts, students, and
26 communities as may be most beneficial; and
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- 28 (4) Identify potential partnerships with educational
29 institutions, cultural organizations, community
30 groups, and similar organizations in other places; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
34 to submit a report of its findings, activities, and
35 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
36 prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2027 and 2028;
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the State
41 Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Chair of the Senate



- 1 Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts; and Chair of the
- 2 House Committee on Culture and the Arts.
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