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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARTS DATA AND MAPPING TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE SURVEY OF ENTITIES ENGAGED IN ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE DATABASE AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAP OF ARTS ENTITIES AND PROGRAMS.

1           WHEREAS, arts programs play a critical role in supporting  
2 student learning, cultural preservation, community well-being,  
3 workforce development, and the State's creative economy; and  
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5           WHEREAS, arts education and programming are delivered  
6 across a wide range of settings, including public and private  
7 schools, municipal services, nonprofit organizations, and  
8 private businesses; and  
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10          WHEREAS, while certain counties have developed robust  
11 geographic information system databases and mapping tools to  
12 support planning and public access to information, those tools  
13 are limited in geographic scope and do not comprehensively  
14 capture statewide data relating to arts education or the  
15 creative economy; and  
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17          WHEREAS, the State lacks a centralized, comprehensive, and  
18 publicly accessible statewide database that identifies the  
19 availability, geographic distribution, and scope of arts  
20 programs and services across all counties; and  
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22          WHEREAS, the absence of this information makes it difficult  
23 for nonprofit administrators, business leaders, philanthropists,  
24 lawmakers, educators, and grant makers to identify gaps in  
25 access, coordinate services, and make informed decisions  
26 regarding policy, funding, and program development; and  
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1           WHEREAS, advances in geographic information systems and  
2 open data platforms provide an opportunity to collect, organize,  
3 and present arts and arts education data in a manner that is  
4 transparent, accessible, and useful to communities statewide;  
5 now, therefore,

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7           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
8 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
9 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the President and Chief  
10 Executive Officer of the Hawaii Youth Symphony is requested to  
11 convene the Arts Data and Mapping Task Force to conduct a  
12 statewide survey of entities engaged in arts and arts education  
13 and develop a comprehensive statewide database and geographic  
14 information system map of arts entities and programs; and

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16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
17 consist of the following members:

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19           (1) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the  
20 Hawaii Youth Symphony, who is requested to serve as  
21 the Chairperson of the task force;  
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23           (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Arts Alliance;  
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25           (3) The Arts and Culture Program Director of the Hawaii  
26 Community Foundation;  
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28           (4) The Chair of the Senate Standing Committee with  
29 primary jurisdiction over culture and the arts;  
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31           (5) The Chair of the House of Representatives Standing  
32 Committee with primary jurisdiction over culture and  
33 the arts;  
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35           (6) The Hawaii Statewide Geographical Information Systems  
36 Program Manager;  
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38           (7) A representative from the Hawaii Data Collaborative;  
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40           (8) A representative from the State Foundation on Culture  
41 and the Arts;  
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- 1           (9) A representative from the Department of Education;
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- 3           (10) An alumni or student from the Hawaii Youth Symphony;
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- 5           (11) A representative from the Hawaii Association of
- 6                 Independent Schools;
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- 8           (12) A representative from the State Public Charter School
- 9                 Commission;
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- 11          (13) A representative of a neighbor island arts education
- 12                 program; and
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- 14          (14) Other individuals with relevant knowledge, experience,
- 15                 or interest in the arts community, to be invited by
- 16                 the Chairperson; and
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18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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- 20          (1) Design and conduct a statewide survey of public and
- 21                 private schools, municipal services, nonprofit
- 22                 organizations, and private businesses engaged in arts
- 23                 or arts education;
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- 25          (2) Identify the types of programs, services, populations
- 26                 served, and geographic distribution of arts activities
- 27                 statewide;
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- 29          (3) Develop and maintain a comprehensive statewide
- 30                 database of arts entities and programs;
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- 32          (4) Create a publicly accessible geographic information
- 33                 system map of the data collected;
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- 35          (5) Identify barriers to access and underserved areas;
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- 37          (6) Make recommendations regarding the ongoing collection,
- 38                 maintenance, and public dissemination of arts data;
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- 1 (7) Be responsible for developing a statewide dataset that
- 2 supports equitable access to arts education; provided
- 3 that the dataset shall:
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- 5 (A) Be descriptive in nature and designed to identify
- 6 the availability and geographic distribution of
- 7 arts education opportunities in Hawaii; and
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- 9 (B) Not measure the quality, outcomes, or
- 10 effectiveness of any program, service, or entity
- 11 included in the database; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
 14 submit:

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- 16 (1) An interim report of its findings related to music and
- 17 dance to the Legislature no later than twenty days
- 18 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2028;
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- 21 (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations,
- 22 including any proposed legislation, on the arts in
- 23 general and arts education programming to the
- 24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
- 25 convening of the Regular Session of 2030; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
 29 Education, Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture  
 30 and the Arts, Executive Director of the State Public Charter  
 31 School Commission, Hawaii Statewide Geographical Information  
 32 Systems Program Manager, President and Chief Executive Officer  
 33 of the Hawaii Youth Symphony, Executive Director of the Hawaii  
 34 Arts Alliance, Arts and Culture Program Director of the Hawaii  
 35 Community Foundation, Executive Director of the Hawaii Data  
 36 Collaborative, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Association  
 37 of Independent Schools.

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