
HOUSE 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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28 WHEREAS, advances in geographic information systems and
29 open data platforms provide an opportunity to collect, organize,
30 and present arts and arts education data in a manner that is



1 transparent, accessible, and useful to communities statewide;
2 now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2026, that the President and Chief Executive Officer of the
7 Hawaii Youth Symphony is requested to convene the Arts Data and
8 Mapping Task Force to conduct a statewide survey of entities
9 engaged in arts and arts education and develop a comprehensive
10 statewide database and geographic information system map of arts
11 entities and programs; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
14 consist of the following members:
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- 16 (1) The President and Chief Executive Officer of the
17 Hawaii Youth Symphony, who is requested to serve as
18 the Chairperson of the task force;
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- 20 (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Arts Alliance;
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- 22 (3) The Arts and Culture Program Director of the Hawaii
23 Community Foundation;
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- 25 (4) The Chair of the Senate Standing Committee with
26 primary jurisdiction over culture and the arts;
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- 28 (5) The Chair of the House of Representatives Standing
29 Committee with primary jurisdiction over culture and
30 the arts;
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- 32 (6) The Hawaii Statewide Geographical Information Systems
33 Program Manager;
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- 35 (7) A representative from the Hawaii Data Collaborative;
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- 37 (8) A representative from the State Foundation on Culture
38 and the Arts;
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- 40 (9) A representative from the Department of Education;
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- 42 (10) An alumni or student from the Hawaii Youth Symphony;



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- (11) A representative from the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools;
- (12) A representative from the State Public Charter School Commission;
- (13) A representative of a neighbor island arts education program; and
- (14) Other individuals with relevant knowledge, experience, or interest in the arts community, to be invited by the Chairperson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

- (1) Design and conduct a statewide survey of public and private schools, municipal services, nonprofit organizations, and private businesses engaged in arts or arts education;
- (2) Identify the types of programs, services, populations served, and geographic distribution of arts activities statewide;
- (3) Develop and maintain a comprehensive statewide database of arts entities and programs;
- (4) Create a publicly accessible geographic information system map of the data collected;
- (5) Identify barriers to access and underserved areas;
- (6) Make recommendations regarding the ongoing collection, maintenance, and public dissemination of arts data; and
- (7) Be responsible for developing a statewide dataset that supports equitable access to arts education; provided that the dataset shall:



1 (A) Be descriptive in nature and designed to identify
2 the availability and geographic distribution of
3 arts education opportunities in Hawaii; and
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5 (B) Not measure the quality, outcomes, or
6 effectiveness of any program, service, or entity
7 included in the database; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
10 submit:

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