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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that there is convened a  
4 working group to establish a nonprofit organization recognized  
5 by the State to support arts and culture engagement and related  
6 initiatives; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall be co-  
9 chaired by the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representative  
10 Standing Committees with primary jurisdiction over arts and  
11 culture; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall include  
14 a representative of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts  
15 and other members or subject matter experts, to be invited by  
16 the Chairs; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall:

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