

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

4006

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAY 6 2026**

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 769,  
770

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 769 and 770, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

G.M. No. 769      PATRICK BRANCO  
for a term to expire 06-30-2030; and

G.M. No. 770      C. MAKANANI SALA  
for a term to expire 06-30-2030,

begs leave to report as follows:

notes that Mr. Branco has cultivated cross-cultural relationships through his diplomatic work for the federal government at embassies in Colombia, Venezuela, and Pakistan. While serving as Cultural Affairs Attaché at the United States Embassy in Caracas, Mr. Branco supported cultural initiatives, including art exhibitions, artist exchanges, and public programs that promoted dialogue and connection across communities. Mr. Branco is an Intelligence Officer in the United States Navy Reserve and supports the United States Pacific Fleet as an Operations Manager, ensuring the accountability for and execution of a contract valued above \$7,000,000. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Branco's former experience representing Hawaii House of Representatives District 50 provided him with a strong understanding of public policy, governance, and the legislative process. Your Committee finds that Mr. Branco has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members, and his extensive experience in navigating partnerships and leveraging resources, federally and on the state-level, will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Your Committee therefore recommends that Patrick Branco be appointed to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

#### C. MAKANANI SALA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of C. Makanani Sala from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Royal Hawaiian Center, The Hawai'i

and administered public art processes. In addition to her professional experiences, Ms. Sala informs her work in public policy and governance through a solid grounding in long-term cultural practices and place-based knowledge, as evidenced by her achievement of Kumu Hula 'Ūniki 'Ailolo and Ho'opa'a 'Ūniki 'Ailolo. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Sala has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members, and her expertise in cultural governance, history, and Native Hawaiian practices will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Your Committee therefore recommends that C. Makanani Sala be appointed to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts based on her knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land,  
Culture and the Arts,



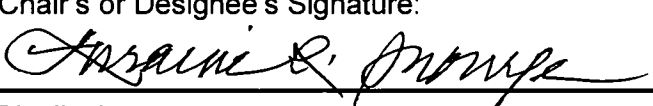
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Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts**  
**WLA**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM 770</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WLA</b>	Date: <b>4-23-2026</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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