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April 6, 2026

The Honorable Chris Todd, Chair
The Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice-Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance
Hawaii State House of Representatives
415 S. Beretania St., Room 308
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice-Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee:

Upon consultation with Mayor Blangiardi and Managing Director Mike Formby, the administration of the City and County of Honolulu offers testimony in **support** of SB3007 HD1.

The City supports the State's efforts to expand the scope of SFCA to facilitate creative innovation in government operations and provide new opportunities for improvements to the quality of life of Hawaii residents, and believes the Office of Creative Innovation could collaborate closely with our administration and the Mayor's office on Culture and The Arts (MOCA).

A priority of the Blangiardi Administration has been the revitalization and improvement of culturally important areas in the City and County of Honolulu, particularly the Chinatown historic district in Honolulu.

The Administration looks forward to continued collaboration with SFCA and DBEDT to raise the quality of life for Honolulu residents and appreciates the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Should there be any questions, please contact me, at 808-768-6608 or via email at anthony.miranda@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Miranda".

Anthony Miranda
Legislative Liaison, Office of the Mayor



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Statement of
GEORJA SKINNER
Administrator, Creative Industries Division
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of
SB 3007 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee. The Creative Industries Division (CID) of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB3007 SD2 HD1, which establishes the Office of Community Culture and Innovation inside the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for administrative purposes only.

In addition to the establishment of this office, this bill will allow the Governor the ability to appoint an Executive Director of Creative Innovation in order to accomplish the specific goals set forward by the Governor and other elected officials. Being as innovation is paramount to an ever-evolving economic climate, this newly developed office and position would be a critical piece in the advancement of Hawai'i's future economic diversity in the global creative marketplace.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of
JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA
Director
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room #309

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.