

February 23, 2026

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Subject: Testimony: SB 3007, SD1 Relating to Culture and Arts
Hearing: February 25, 2026, at 10:57 AM, Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB3007, SD1, which strengthens and clarifies the management and responsibilities associated with the Works of Art Special Fund and the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

We strongly support the intent of this measure and respectfully request an amendment to address the relocation and preservation of existing public artworks that may be affected by public construction or redevelopment projects.

To ensure the State's existing collection of public artworks is appropriately protected, we respectfully propose that SB3007, SD1 be further amended to include a new subsection stating:

“When a state or county project involves the renovation, demolition, or relocation of a facility containing a state-owned work of art, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, in consultation with the appropriate agency, shall provide for the relocation, preservation, or other appropriate disposition of the artwork to ensure its continued accessibility and cultural integrity.”

Hawaii's public artworks reflect decades of taxpayer funding and public trust. Their preservation ensures responsible stewardship of public assets. As older facilities are replaced or upgraded, integrating relocation and preservation measures reduces waste and maintains cultural continuity in new public spaces.

Amending SB3007, SD1 to include provisions for the relocation and preservation of existing public art will strengthen this legislation and uphold Hawaii's values of mālama and kuleana in cultural stewardship. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued leadership in promoting the arts and community well-being in Hawai'i.

Sincerely,



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