



February 24, 2026

Position: **SUPPORT** of **SB3022 SD1**, Relating to Culture and Arts

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Llasmin Chaine, LSW, Executive Director, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in SB3022 SD1, Relating to Culture and Arts

Hearing: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 10:56 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women **supports SB3022 SD1** in the establishment of the Hawaii Leadership Awards Program as a means of honoring individuals whose contributions have significantly benefited the State and inspired others. As the **Commission** is committed to advancing gender equity and the status of women and girls in Hawaii, it **is invested in ensuring that state-sponsored recognition programs reflect the full diversity and leadership** present in our communities. One of our statutory goals and **strategic priorities is ensuring the visibility of female contributions, achievements, and leadership in Hawaii.**

The creation of a formal awards program presents an important opportunity to elevate the stories and achievements of leaders from historically underrepresented groups, including women. Programs of this nature **can help to address gaps in public recognition and inspire future generations.**

We respectfully urge this Committee to **pass SB3022 SD1** and support the establishment of a program to honor individuals who have made considerable and outstanding contributions to the State in their respective fields.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Oppose

3022 SB RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS.

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S.B. 3022, S.D. 1

RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 3022, S.D.1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** S.B. 3022, S.D.1 which establishes a Hawai'i Leadership Awards Program and offers the following comments:

- 1) Too often, people who are honored today are forgotten tomorrow. To truly honor these individuals, we'd like to permanently remember their accomplishments in a repository designed to provide the finest protection for irreplaceable heritage materials, overseen by trained and trusted professionals.
- 2) DAGS would like to create a true memorial of the recipients' works and

achievements to guide and inspire future generations.

- 3) By empowering the State Archives to document and preserve the deeds and accomplishments of these worthy individuals, their work will be readily accessible in a centralized location for posterity. Archived material would include photographs, videos, oral histories, documents, writings and examples of the honorees' work to ensure that their accomplishments never fade from public memory.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.