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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS



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In consideration of
SCR 99 / SR 93
**CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
ESTABLISHING AND STRUCTURING A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE ENGAGEMENT
AND RELATED INITIATIVES.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Committee. The Creative Industries Division (CID) of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SCR 99 and SR 93, which convenes a working group jointly chaired by the Senate and House of Representative committees with jurisdiction over arts and culture, to develop a working group tasked with making recommendations for structuring a nonprofit organization which may include residency of artists.

CID recognizes the value of the goals set forth to identify leadership models which successfully empowered arts and culture centers, residency models spanning multiple disciplines, and the best options for governance and partnership structures to enhance broader engagement with mutual benefit. We support inclusion of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and related subject matters experts to be part of the working group. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.