S.B. NO. 1177

A Bill for an Act Relating to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the mission of the state foundation on culture and the arts is to promote, perpetuate, preserve, and encourage culture and the arts as central to the quality of life and people of Hawaii. The foundation's strategic priorities include increasing public accessibility to arts and culture and managing assets to ensure that the foundation remains strong, sustainable, and capable of achieving its goals. The foundation's major assets include about \$3,000,000 per year in works of art special fund revenues and a collection of nearly six thousand three hundred pieces of artwork.

An audit of the Hawaii state foundation on culture and the arts, Report No. 14-11, was recently completed by the state auditor. The auditor found that the foundation needs to improve its management to ensure the accountability, accessibility, and protection of these resources. Critical to the performance of these duties is adequate staffing.

The purpose of this Act is to address the auditor's findings through the appropriation of moneys to establish four full-time equivalent positions (4.0 FTE) with the Hawaii state foundation on culture and the arts.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the works of art special fund, established pursuant to section 103-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$113,663 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the sum of \$227,325 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to establish four full-time equivalent positions (4.0 FTE) with the Hawaii state foundation on culture and the arts.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015. (Approved June 30, 2015.)