

Positive action you can take today

Ask for a public hearing of measures you support! After bills have been introduced, they need to be scheduled for hearings. **Many bills never get a single public hearing, and “die in committee”**. If you support a bill, you can ask the chair(s) of the committee(s) that the bills are in to schedule them for a hearing.

The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) is in support of these bills as of February 3, 2025*:

- [HB1378 / SB1577](#) **Relating to the SFCA: Establishes the Performing Arts Grants Program to support performing arts in the State.** Clarifies the scope of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts' responsibilities to include the coordination, planning, promotion, marketing, and execution of performing arts events. Allows the use of moneys from the Works of Art Special Fund for performing arts. Appropriates funds to provide grants under the Performing Arts Grants Program.

[House Committee on Culture & Arts](#) (CAA)

Chair: [Rep. Jeanne Kapela](#) / Vice Chair: [Rep. Sam Satoru Kong](#)

[House Committee on Finance](#) (FIN)

Chair: [Rep. Kyle Yamashita](#) / Vice Chair: [Rep. Jenna Takenouchi](#)

- [SB1581](#) **Hawaii-Japan Pacific Peace Monument: Establishes a Hawaii-Japan Pacific Peace Monument** to be developed by the State Foundation on Culture and appropriate stakeholders representing Hawaii and Japan. Appropriates funds.

[Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts](#) (TCA)

Chair: [Senator Chris Lee](#) / Vice Chair: [Senator Lorraine R. Inouye](#)

[Senate Committee on Ways and Means](#) (WAM)

Chair: [Senator Donovan Dela Cruz](#) / Vice Chair: [Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki](#)

**Please note that support/oppose/comment positions have not yet been determined by SFCA leadership on all measures introduced for this session. Updates will be provided by the SFCA and the [Hawai'i Arts Alliance](#), a nonprofit arts advocacy group.*

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