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House Bill HB1807

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Aloha, I strongly OPPOSE <u>HB1807</u>

<u>HB1807</u> intends to eliminate the word "renovation" from the law. Consequently, most of the Art in Public Places Program support would end. This bill would end support for Professional Development for all DOE teachers, 13 art centers, and 8 organizations that offer Native Hawaiian/Arts-based programs that impact 124 public and charter schools on all major islands, along with outreach programs, just to scratch the surface.

Repeals capital improvement appropriations for renovations of state buildings as a source of funds for the works of art special fund. Introduced by Representative Kyle Yamashita (Maui) this bill would cut an estimated 68% of the Art in Public Places program, adversely reducing or eliminating government support for many arts organizations, programs, and individual artists statewide.

Culture and Arts heal and bring our community together. After the Maui fires, we need more culture and arts programming to rebuild the Maui communities and NOT a total collapse of all culture and arts programming on Oahu and all neighboring islands.

DO NOT PASS THIS BILL! This impacts Hawai'i for generations to come. The culture and the arts nourish and enhance more thoughtful citizens. It is Culture, Arts, and Humanities we would be taking away.

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