
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 158
Author: Allen (D), et al.
Introduced: 4/9/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month and the 50th Anniversary of the California Arts Council

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution encourages all Californians to deepen support for arts in our schools and uplift and expand opportunities in our creative workforce.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is now the fourth largest economy in the world with a creative economy that, according to the recently released Otis College Update on the Creative Economy from April 2026, directly accounts for 5 percent of all jobs within the state and another 6 percent across the rest of the state's economy.
- 2) State support for the arts, arts education, and cultural bearers is crucial in order to achieve equitable access to the arts throughout California, and it is imperative for all California children and youth to have access to arts education and cultural institutions in their schools.
- 3) In a state as diverse as California, the arts serve to give a voice to many communities, spark individual creativity, foster empathy and understanding, spur civic engagement, and serve as a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration.

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FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 4/15/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 4/15/26)

None received

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