

## State Advocacy Alert #19

# Help Save Florida's Art in State Buildings Program and Help Protect Nonprofits from Ticket Scalpers



From the Florida Cultural Alliance

Monday, March 30, 2009, Bill ALERT

**Help Save Florida's Art In State Buildings Program**

**Deadline to Act on SB 1104: Before 3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 31**

**Help Protect Nonprofits from Ticket Scalpers**

**Deadline to Act on SB 2074: Before Noon on**

**Wednesday, April 1**

Please take ACTION NOW on the 2 bills outlined below. These bills impact Florida's arts and cultural industry. It will take you approximately 10 minutes to act on these two bills. Thank you so much for your advocacy efforts.

Your voice matters. Thank you.

Senate Bill 2074 -- Resale of Tickets

Up for Review 4/1/09

Committee to Review Bill: Senate Commerce Committee

Sponsor of SB 2074: Senator Victor Crist, R-12, represents parts of Hillsborough and Pasco counties

Date of Review: Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

Our Goal: Encourage members of this Senate committee to VOTE YES on SB 2074.

What SB 2074 Does: The bill amends current laws to prohibit the

resale of tickets at a price in excess of \$1 above the admission price for events sponsored by or benefiting a federally exempt charitable organization. Also, the bill affords a charitable organization whose ticket transactions are regulated under this provision the choice to prohibit ticket purchases for resale by any person or firm. In addition, the bill allows such not-for-profit organizations to require binding contractual agreements with registered ticket resellers for purchasing, remarketing, or reselling event or entertainment tickets. The bill provides that a person who resells a ticket or tickets in violation of the prohibitions in this statutory section is liable to the state for a civil penalty equal to triple the amount for which the ticket or tickets were sold for.

What You Can Do TODAY, Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31:

- (1) Call AND E-mail the chairman and vice-chairman of this committee AND
- (2) Check the committee members listed below to see if any of them represent your county; if one or more members do represent your county, call AND e-mail them, too.
- (3) You will probably not get the senator on the telephone; you might get an assistant or you might have to leave a message. Be brief and polite.
- (4) Suggested Message: My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_ County. I encourage Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to please vote YES on SB 2074 when it comes up for review by the Senate Commerce Committee on April 1. This bill will help protect Florida's not-for-profit organizations from ticket scalpers. I hope I can count on Senator \_\_\_\_\_ support of SB 2074. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Click [here](#) for Additional Information on SB 2074.

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Senate Bill 1104 -- Art In State Buildings  
Up for Review on 4/1/09

Committee to Review Bill: Senate Committee on General  
Government Appropriations

Sponsor of SB 1104: Senator Ronda Storms, R-10, represents  
parts of Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk counties

Date of Review: Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

Our Goal: Encourage members of this Senate committee to VOTE  
NO on SB 1104.

What SB 1104 Does: This bill repeals Florida's Art in State  
Buildings Program. Refer to links below for detailed information.

What You Can Do TODAY, Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March  
31:

(1) Call AND E-mail the chairman and vice-chairman of this

committee AND

(2) Check the committee members listed below to see if any of them represent your county; if one or more members do represent your county, call AND e-mail them, too.

(3) You will probably not get the senator on the telephone; you might get an assistant or you might have to leave a message. Be brief and polite.

(4) Suggested Message: My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_ County. I encourage Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to please vote NO on SB 1104 when it comes up for review by the Senate Committee on General Government Appropriations on April 1. I do not support this bill because it eliminates the modest amount of state investment in public art for our state buildings and cuts job opportunities for our artists and the people they employ. I hope I can count on Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to please vote NO on SB 1104. Let's support jobs for our artists. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Additional Reasons Not to Support SB 1104:

Cursor down to "suggested-message points" from a previous Bill Alert we sent on March 9 [at this link](#), and select a couple of points you would like to use in your message.

Click [here](#) for Additional Information on SB 1104.

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