

# HB 221

## Alaska Arts and Culture Day

"An Act establishing June 21 as Alaska Arts and Culture Day;  
and providing for an effective date."

REPRESENTATIVE CAROLYN HALL



# Alaska Arts and Culture by The Numbers

## FOR-PROFIT & NON-PROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE SECTORS REPRESENT:

**2.15%** State GDP    **13,291** jobs  
(Roughly \$1.5 Billion in Economic Output)



## ARTS AND CULTURE SECTORS ARE GROWING

**31%** increase in cultural nonprofit revenues since 2021

**27%** increase in creative vitality index (CVI) since 2019

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis & National Endowment for the Arts (2025)  
Economic Modeling Specialists International, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, & National Center for Charitable Statistics  
(2024)

# Comparison to Other Alaska Sectors

(GDP contribution)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis & National Endowment for the Arts (2025)

# Alaska's Deep Artistic and Cultural History

## Quinhagak

Ceremonial  
Masks  
Circa 1500 AD  
**Recovered  
2025, after  
Typhoon  
Halong**



## Tanana Basin

North America's **Oldest  
Recorded Artwork:**  
a 12,300 years old bone  
pendant



## Wrangell

Klondike **Opera House**  
1898-1905



## Wasilla

Page Museum  
Photographic  
**History of  
Alaska**  
1890-present



## Kodiak

Alutiiq Masks  
Circa 1880



## Southeast Alaska

Haida, Tlingit, Eyak  
**Totem Poles**  
(Juneau Wasago  
pole ~1880)



# Landscape of Alaska's Arts Today



**ALASKA STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

**Some form of Arts or Culture group in nearly every Alaskan Community**

**Over 74 non-profit arts and culture organizations in the State**

Includes museums, theaters, historical societies, cultural awareness groups, and media



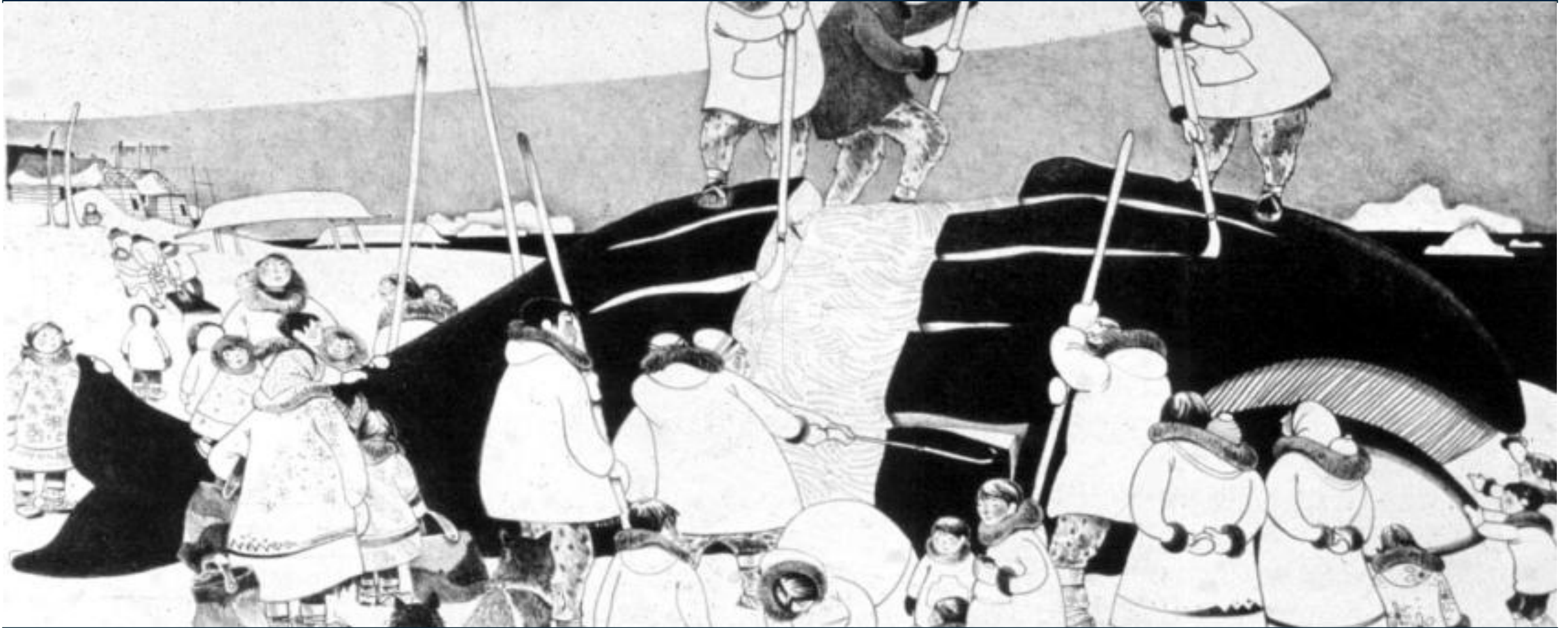
# What Alaska Arts and Culture Day Could Look Like

Annual recognition would establish a tradition of artistic and cultural awareness

Strengthen communities and encourage local artists



# Questions?



*Butchering at Gambell* by Rie Munoz, 1976