

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3243

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & Culture, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 3243 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HONOLULU  
SYMPHONY AND ITS PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide financial support for  
the Honolulu Symphony by appropriating \$810,000 to meet the  
shortfall in funding for operations of the Honolulu Symphony and  
its programs.

The Honolulu Symphony Society and numerous concerned  
individuals supported this bill. The Department of Accounting and  
General Services opposed this bill. The Department of Budget and  
Finance and the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA)  
submitted comments.

Your Committee notes that Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii  
2006, (Act 97), and Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, (Act  
156), were passed by the Legislature and enacted into law to  
provide the Honolulu Symphony with a funding source for its  
operations, the State of Hawaii Endowment Fund (Fund). An  
appropriation of \$4,000,000 was made to the Fund, provided that  
these funds were matched by private funds or pledges, with income  
and capital gains from the Fund to be used for the Honolulu  
Symphony. However, public testimony indicated that, though these  
funds were released by the Governor in December of 2006, they have



not been transferred and deposited into the Fund. A meeting was held in January of 2008 between state officials, the Honolulu Symphony Society, and the Honolulu Symphony Foundation where the parties involved gained an understanding of the matching requirements that must be fulfilled for the \$4,000,000 in appropriated state funds to be transferred and deposited into the Fund.

In light of this information, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting, in the purpose section, the erroneous statement that funds from Act 97 and Act 156 have not been released to the SFCA, the administrative agency for the Fund;
- (2) Voiding the appropriation contained in this measure if \$4,000,000 in general funds are transferred and deposited into the Fund pursuant to Act 97, as amended by Act 156;
- (3) Reducing the appropriation contained in this measure by the amount of funds in excess of \$3,190,000 in general funds, if any, transferred and deposited to the Fund pursuant to Act 97, as amended by Act 156; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism & Culture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3243, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3243, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Tourism & Culture,

  
RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism & Culture

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 3243	<b>Committee Referral:</b> TAC, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 02/04/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>TAC Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. MANAHAN, Joey (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.		✓		
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	<del>✓</del>			✓
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____				
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