

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2966

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3243  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, to which was referred H.B. No. 3243, H.D. 2, 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 measure is to appropriate funds to support the Honolulu Symphony and its programs.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the Executive Director of the Honolulu Symphony and one of its board members; the ILWU Local 142; Tim Bostock Productions LLC; and twelve individuals, including musicians and music teachers. The Department of Accounting and General Services testified in opposition. The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, and Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, provided public support for the Honolulu Symphony by appropriating \$4,000,000 to the State of Hawaii Endowment Fund, from which the income and capital gains earned from that public investment are to be used by the Symphony; provided that the funds are matched by private funds or pledges. Your Committee has been informed that these funds have recently been transferred to the Endowment Fund.



Your Committee notes that resolution of the use of the state appropriation for the endowment corpus and matching pledge amounts has taken two years and three legislative sessions. It is also a period when the Honolulu Symphony has experienced devastating shortfalls in funding, and the loss of many fine musicians due to this financial uncertainty.

While your Committee is relieved that the endowment funds are in place, it will be at least a year before any significant interest will be accrued on the endowment, and available for expenditure by the Honolulu Symphony. Until that time, the Symphony must still struggle to meet the payroll obligations to its musicians and to provide fiscal support for its administration and programs, including marketing, communications, and youth education.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of this measure and has amended it by changing the effective date from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2008.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3243, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3243, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development and Taxation,




CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Economic Development and Taxation**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 3243</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDT, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/13/08</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
IGE, David Y.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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