

# PROPOSED

THE SENATE  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007  
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 304  
S.D. 1

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CULTURE.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Honolulu  
2           Symphony, founded in 1900, is one of the twelve oldest symphony  
3           orchestras in the United States and the oldest American symphony  
4           orchestra west of the Rocky Mountains. The Honolulu Symphony  
5           has established a rich and illustrious legacy as one of Hawaii's  
6           great cultural, educational, and entertainment resources, and is  
7           a cornerstone of the performing arts in the State of Hawaii.

8           The legislature further finds that as Hawaii's only  
9           professional full-time orchestra, the Honolulu Symphony plays an  
10          essential role in the cultural vitality of our State with its  
11          youth music education program and community engagement mission  
12          for the enrichment of thousands of students, residents, and  
13          visitors each year.

14          The legislature further finds that the Honolulu Symphony  
15          brings music into the lives of over twenty thousand youth and  
16          their families through education and community outreach  
17          programs, which promote the love of music and music-making in



1 our island communities. With a national and local focus on  
2 education, the legislature finds it essential that support be  
3 provided to the Honolulu Symphony to enhance its ability to  
4 continue offering affordable youth music education concerts,  
5 free in-school ensemble performances, free residencies and  
6 resource teachers, free music education curriculum, free student  
7 composition reading for college-level student composers, free  
8 master classes for vocal students, and free community engagement  
9 concerts for the general public.

10 The legislature, through the provisions of Act 97, Session  
11 Laws of Hawaii 2006, and Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007,  
12 provided public support for the Honolulu Symphony by  
13 appropriating \$4,000,000 to the State of Hawaii endowment fund,  
14 from which the income and capital gains earned from that public  
15 investment are to be used by the symphony, provided that the  
16 funds are matched by private funds or pledges. However, it has  
17 come to the legislature's attention that as of January 16, 2008,  
18 these funds have not been released to the state foundation for  
19 culture and the arts, the administrative agency for the fund.  
20 Thus, the symphony has yet to benefit from potential revenues  
21 earned by the fund. In turn, this has contributed to the



1 symphony's inability to meet both its fiscal obligations and its  
2 payroll in a timely manner.

3       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate to the  
4 Honolulu Symphony the funds as may be necessary to meet the  
5 symphony's attendant fiscal obligations, pending the resolution  
6 of any problems that preclude the state foundation for culture  
7 and the arts from fulfilling its obligations as expressed by the  
8 provisions of Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, and Act 156,  
9 Session Laws of Hawaii 2007. It is further the intent of the  
10 legislature that these funds shall be used to assist the  
11 symphony in meeting its payroll obligations to the symphony's  
12 musicians and to provide fiscal support to the symphony for its  
13 administration and programs, including marketing,  
14 communications, and youth education.

15       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$810,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to meet  
18 the shortfall in funding for the operations of the Honolulu  
19 Symphony and its programs.

20       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
21 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

22       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



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**Report Title:**

Culture; Arts; Honolulu Symphony

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for fiscal year 2008-2009 to meet the shortfall in funding for the operations of the Honolulu Symphony and its programs. (SD1)

