

TESTIMONY OF
LORI V. THOMAS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM,
CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ON
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H. B. 381

RELATING TO STATE OF HAWAII ENDOWMENT FUND

Chair Manahan and members of the committee, I am Lori Thomas, chairperson of the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and I am testifying today as an individual. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on H. B. 381, which I support.

This bill, which requests an extension to Act 97, SLH 2006, as amended by Act 156, SLH 2007, to extend the date on which a \$4,000,000 appropriation to the State of Hawaii Endowment Fund lapses. The proposed lapse date would be extended from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

I understand that a brief extension to the life of the appropriation may be necessary in order to ensure the proper collection of pledges and payments that comprise the match to the appropriation. The extension is necessary to fulfill the intent of the original legislation ratified through Act 97.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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