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H.B. 381 H.D. 2 (HSCR868): RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII ENDOWMENT FUND

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and esteemed members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, as Executive Director of the Honolulu Symphony Society, I would like to submit this testimony in support of H.B. 381 H.D. 2 (HSCR868) which extends the lapse date of unmatched funding to the State of Hawaii Endowment Fund from June 30, 2009 to February 28, 2013.

The Honolulu Symphony is extremely grateful to the members of our Hawaii State Legislature who, through the approval of Act 97, SLH 2006 appropriated \$4,000,000 from the State to be deposited to the Hawaii State Endowment Fund for the long-term support and benefit of the Honolulu Symphony, and further through the approval of Act 156, SLH 2007, allowed pledges to be qualified as matching funds for the \$4,000,000 appropriation.

The approval of Act 97, SLH 2006 and Act 156, SLH 2007 show the belief of this body in the importance of a professional symphony orchestra for the citizens of Hawaii and its desire to support this endeavor directly.

We support H.B. 381 H.D. 2 (HSCR868), which once again demonstrates a true commitment from our state lawmakers in these difficult economic times to support the Honolulu Symphony and honor the intent of Act 97/Act 156 by extending the date at which all monies must be matched by payment from June 2009 to February 28, 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

With Aloha,

Thomas J. Gulick
Executive Director

