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TESTIMONY OF  
STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
ON

February 13, 2012

H. B. 2297

Chair Wooley and members of the committee, I am Barbara Saromines-Ganne, Chair of the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and I would like to offer testimony on H. B. 2297.

I concur with our executive director that this bill would bring back music to Hawai'i in the form of orchestral performance, which our state needs. We in Hawai'i have a tradition of all forms of music, our own as well as music from around the world.

We loved the Honolulu Symphony and would love to help this effort, but we need to defer to the Department of Budget and Finance to be sure we are in compliance with the Endowment that established the symphony of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you.