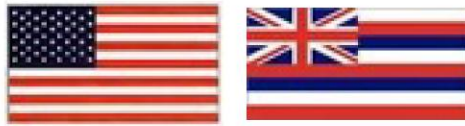


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To: VMI
For hearing Wednesday March 12, 2014

Re: SB 3107 RELATING TO THE STATE INSTRUMENT.
Establishes and designates the ukulele as the official state instrument.

AN ERROR IN THE TEXT OF THE BILL NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED,
REGARDING THE DERIVATION OF THE WORD “UKULELE”.

Testimony in support of the intention of the bill but noting a need for changes to the language of the bill regarding the origin of the word “ukulele.”

The bill SB 3107 contains a misleading irrelevant statement concerning the origin of the name of the musical instrument “ukulele.” The bill says “The word ‘ukulele’ is translated from Hawaiian in two parts: ‘uke’, meaning to strike and ‘lele’, meaning to jump.”

The Hawaiian word “uke” is not a part of the instrument’s name, so the fact that “uke” means “to strike” is irrelevant. The word that is a part of the instrument’s name is “uku” which means “flea.” Since the 19th

Century the instrument's name "ukulele" has referenced the concept "jumping flea." I suggest you remove the quoted portion of the bill and replace it with the following information:

Here are two authoritative sources regarding the meaning and derivation of the instrument's name "ukulele."

1. Hawaiian Dictionary, Revised and Enlarged Edition, by Mary Kawena Pukui and Samuel H. Elbert, 1957-1986, page 366: 'ukulele. n. Ukulele. Lit., leaping flea, probably from the Hawaiian nickname of Edward Purvis, who was small and quick and who popularized the instrument brought to Hawai'i by the Portuguese in 1879. (Elbert and Knowlton, 1957.)

2. 'Olelo No'eau, Hawaiian Proverbs and Poetical Sayings collected by Mary Kawena Pukui, 1983, page 84, item # 762: He li'ili'i ka 'ukulele, naue na'e kino nui.

A flea may be small but it can make a big body squirm.

Never belittle anyone because of their small body; he may be able to do big things.

[Also has a kaona, or double metaphorical meaning, referring to the fact that the musical instrument 'ukulele is small in size like a flea, but can make Hawaiians move their big bodies in time to the rhythm.]

TO: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Technology & the Arts Committee,

FROM: Alan Akaka

RE: SB 3107 Relating to the State Instrument

DATE: March 8, 2014

My name is Alan Akaka. I am the director of Ke Kula Mele Hawaii School of Hawaiian Music and a professional steel guitarist and musician. I perform with the steel guitar weekly in Waikiki and I have appeared on and made many recordings of Hawaiian steel guitar music during the past twenty years. While I play many instruments, the Hawaiian steel guitar is my primary instrument. I am also a member and a past president of the Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association (HSGA).

Ke Kula Mele Hawaii provides education and instruction in Hawaiian instruments. While I have many students learning the ukulele, guitar and upright bass, a large percentage of my school is learning how to play the Hawaiian steel guitar because of its popularity and because it is so symbolic of Hawaii and Hawaiian music. Student steel guitarists who range in age from nine years old through adult are always very popular at our semiannual public concerts and serve to help promote and perpetuate the Hawaiian steel guitar. On occasion some of these youthful steel guitarists are featured at public venues in Waikiki and other locales and at steel guitar festivals Statewide.

The Hawaiian steel guitar has its roots in Hawaii. The Hawaiian Steel guitar is not only an instrument that is indigenous to Hawaii, but is also in itself a unique way of playing that instrument which always generates an association to Hawaii and to Hawaiian music. While the ukulele is also a very popular instrument, its use is pervasive among all music genres and is not necessarily symbolic of or associated with Hawaii and/or Hawaiian music. In 2013 a song that reached number 3 on the Billboard Top 100 featured the ukulele as the song's only instrument. While this song has been used in many movie and television productions (with the exception of one Hawaii-referenced television show where it was used as background music) the productions themselves bore no reference to Hawaii or to Hawaiian music. Neither does the song itself. There is no immediate connection when hearing the sound of an ukulele to Hawaii, unless it is within context of Hawaiian music which almost always includes a Hawaiian steel guitar.

On the other hand, the unique sound of the Hawaiian Steel guitar and the art of its playing immediately conjures up images of hula dancers and palm trees, in direct association with Hawaii. Simple characteristic Hawaiian steel guitar patterns, when played with no other instrument, are immediately recognized as Hawaiian. The Official State instrument should be a symbol that is representative of and consistently associated with Hawaii.

I hereby submit my testimony in opposition to House Bill HB2573. Please reconsider your decision to make the Ukulele the Official Instrument of the State of Hawaii.

Roxanne Kamalu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gale Warshawsky	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Regarding SB3107: My name is Gale Warshawsky. I am a student of Kumu Alan Akaka at Ke Kula Mele Hawaii. I learn to play ukulele and sing Hawaiian songs, and have been Kumu Akaka's student for 4 years. During that time I have had the pleasure of performing in Ke Kula Mele concerts, where I play my ukulele for Hawaiian music, and also as background ukulele music in support of the steel guitar students when they get to perform their solos and their ensemble selections. The more I heard the steel guitar, the more interested I became in that instrument, especially as the steel guitar is indigenous to Hawaii. About 2 years ago I asked Kumu Akaka if I could learn to play the steel guitar as well as continue my studies with him on the ukulele. He created a beginner's class for adults who wanted to learn to play steel guitar too. I have now had the incredible experience of playing steel guitar for one and a half years. I got to play it with the Ke Kula Mele ensemble at two of our concerts last May and last Dec. It was most exciting to play the Hawaiian steel guitar as part of the steel guitar ensemble. We had 22 steel guitar students, children through senior citizens, all playing together in the steel guitar ensemble, while the other students on ukulele, Hawaiian style bass, and guitar, played background music to support us steel guitar students. Learning how to play the Hawaiian steel guitar is challenging and rewarding. It is a very unique instrument whose roots are associated with Hawaii and Hawaiian music. Portuguese immigrants brought the ukulele to Hawaii. Whereas, the Hawaiian steel guitar was invented here in Hawaii by Joseph Kekuku, and the Hawaiian steel guitar should be the state instrument. I humbly ask you to select the Hawaiian steel guitar as the State instrument. It is the PONO thing to do.

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My name is Kay Das and I am known to Alan Akaka for many years. As a steel guitar enthusiast, performer, promoter, and recording artist, who was inspired by Alan, I would like to add to this testimony towards changing the nomination of the ukulele as "state instrument" for Hawaii. The ukulele, although a fine instrument, has association with Hawaiian music due to it being easy to learn, great to carry around in a back-pack, that can be taken to the beach or fireside primarily to accompany singing. And it is true that its popularity has grown immensely in recent years for these very reasons. It is, however, a universal instrument and can be found on the beaches of Rio de Janeiro, Brighton, Florida, and many beach resorts and clubs promoting its popularity. It has no unique association with the state, history, and musical culture of Hawaii.

The steel guitar, however, has a very unique association with the history, state, and culture of Hawaii. It was invented in Hawaii, and that seems to have been no accident. The sounds of the steel bar moving across strings lent itself to the embryonic nature of music composed in Hawaii and traditional to it. And that is why the steel guitar merits a unique place in the music of Hawaii. There is no other instrument that brings the aura of Hawaii back to the visitor when he or she has returned home. A small personal anecdote: I was playing the steel guitar impromptu with ukulele friends on the pier at Waikiki one evening last May. A lady from England walked up to me and said that she had been in Hawaii a couple of weeks but the enduring memory of her visit was going to be the sound of the steel guitar on that pier that evening.

I think I have said it all right there.

On a larger perspective, the steel guitar as an art form in Hawaii needs as much encouragement as it can get. It is a difficult instrument to master and therefore not readily taken up by the youth of today. Alan is doing sterling work in bringing the steel guitar to the young and needs all the support possible. What better way to make this happen than making it the state instrument of Hawaii?

Kay Das

To the Hawaiiin State Legislature

Re: Hawaiian Steel Guitar should be the state musical instrument.

Dear State Representatives,

I would like to oppose the HB 2573 and instead should have the Hawaiian Steel Guitar as the state musical instrument because the Steel Guitar is truly created in Hawaii, by native Hawaiian, and when played, everybody know it represents all aspects of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: Ken Woo

Ken Woo MD

Mar 9 2014

Roxanne Kamalu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian K Ufton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: From 1920 thru 1960 [approx.] when the music of Hawaii commanded as much as 80 percent of the record industry --- it was the Hawaiian Steel Guitar that provided the " signature sound " of the islands --- it,s inventor ,Joseph kekuku and all the brilliant hawaiians who followed him were instrumental in bringing the music of Hawaii to the world , the Ukulele , on the other hand was a product of Portugal , Aloha , Ian K.

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Hello from GeorgeBoards - Manufacturer of Hawaiian Steel Guitars

I have made Hawaiian Steel guitars since 1994 with over 500 owners in every USA State and over 20 countries worldwide.

My immediate family have lived on Maui starting in 1964 and through today.

Currently my last living relative, oldest brother is a Hawaiian Woods Specialist and well know on Maui.

My Testimony is to support altering Senate Bill 3107 In Support of The Hawaiian Steel Guitar.

Hopefull my testimony will underscore the need for Steel Guitar to become The State Instrument in perpituity.

Please take what ever steps necessary to defeat this bill in it's current wording and reword or re-present as a new Bill so that the Steel Guitar can hold it's deserved place in Hawaiian History for ever.

Best Regards George Boards Piburn

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Technology & the Arts Committee,

My name is Mark Prucha. I am an active member of the Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association (HSGA) as well as the Aloha International Steel Guitar Club (AISGC). Furthermore, I am currently studying the Hawaiian steel guitar at Ke Kula Mele Hawaii and have performed with the instrument in Hawaii as well as on the mainland.

Three years ago, while in Waikiki, I heard the Hawaiian steel guitar for the first time. Since then, I have become enthralled with it, dedicating the past three years of my life to constant study of the instrument. While I realize that other instruments such as the ukulele have become a part of Hawaiian music, no instrument will compare in distinctiveness or expressiveness to the Hawaiian steel guitar.

It is important to me that this instrument be perpetuated and passed on to future generations. Being indigenous to Hawaii, the steel guitar cannot and should not exist in the shadow of the ukulele, an instrument which has its roots in Portugal.

Therefore, I hereby submit my testimony in opposition to Senate Bill SB3107. I ask that you please reconsider your decision to make the Ukulele the Official Instrument of the State of Hawaii.

Roxanne Kamalu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Graves	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: While the ukulele is associated with Hawaii, the Hawaiian steel guitar has a unique sound that instantly conjures up images of Hawaii. If there is going to be one "state instrument," I have no doubt that it should be the Hawaiian steel guitar. It was invented here and is internationally recognized as a symbol of Hawaii. Respectfully submitted, John Graves

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To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Technology and the Arts Committee

Date: March 9, 2014

Aloha kākau,

My name is Virginia Pūloku Hayes and I am a lap steel haumana of Kumu Alan Akāka. Growing up in the 50s, Hawaiian Lap Steel was the instantly recognizable sound of "The Islands" to me and my family. It is an instrument indigenous to Hawai'i and its introduction to the mainland around 1915 was a treasured gift to world. To this day, the melodic glide of steel on strings brings to mind all that is beautiful and unique about Hawai'i and its special music. The recognition and perpetuation of an instrument and sound recognized throughout the world as uniquely Hawaiian is vitally important. It is for this reason that I would like to see it declared the Official State Instrument of the State of Hawai'i in opposition to the ukulele as set forth in State Bill SB 2573.

Respectfully Submitted March 9, 2014

Testimony for SB3107

Dear Senate Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Thomas A. Ching. I would like to recommend that you vote to have the Hawaiian Steel Guitar named as the State Instrument. I was born and raised on Oahu. I have been a practicing dentist here for the past 30 years. I am not an expert on Hawaiian musical instruments but I do listen to Hawaiian music of 8-10 hours per day six days a week at my office as do my patients and office staff.

There is one and only one instrument that produces a sound that when heard immediately says Hawaii. That instrument is the Hawaiian Steel Guitar. It is the only string instrument that was invented in Hawaii by a Hawaiian. I believe he was Joseph KeKuii from Laie, HI.

Voting for a state instrument is a very important event as it defines us and our state. It tells the rest of the world this is us. Please vote for an instrument that is Hawaii, invented and founded by a Hawaiian and when it is played and heard makes people think of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Ching", is centered on a light pink rectangular background.

Thomas A. Ching, DDS

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Lorene Ruymar <ruymar@shaw.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2014 6:40 PM
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Subject: House Bill HB2573 SB 3107 Ukulele vs Hawaiian steel guitar

I am so happy to hear that a musical instrument is to be given the honor of being the "Instrument of Hawai'i", but I hope you will give serious thought to your choice.

I spent 6 years researching the history of a young lad, Joseph Kekuku, born in La'ie, O'ahu in 1874. At that time Hawaiians were making music with the guitar brought in by the paniolos, except they "slacked the keys". It was the slacked-key guitar that 8 year old Joseph Kekuku continued to puzzle his parents with, by sliding metal objects up and down the strings. They thought he'd give that up when he became old enough to hold a guitar and play it in the proper way. But he never did. When he enrolled at the Kamehameha School for Boys the teachers recognized the beauty in what Joseph was doing, so they assisted him by removing the gut strings and replacing them with piano wire. From then on it was.....great and greater.

Joseph performed for his fellow students and taught them how to play the new instrument too, and gave assistance to his father who had the assignment to provide fresh fish for any visitors that might arrive from the royal palace. And when he turned 30 years old, Joseph joined with two other musicians and began his musical tour of the U.S. mainland and the countries of Europe, "playing before the crowned heads of Europe" is the way it was reported. He married a lady from England but they produced no children. They came back to the U.S. in their late years, where he set up a school teaching how to play the steel guitar, died in 1904, and is buried in the graveyard of the Town of Dover, NJ.

With all the above information, I wrote the book The Hawaiian Steel Guitar And Its Great Hawaiian Musicians which can be seen for sale on the website

www.amazon.com/books It was published in 1996 by Centerstream Publishing, Ron Middlebrook, Anaheim Hills, CA I am the author: Lorene L. Ruymar of Vancouver, BC, Canada.

The beautiful music of the Hawaiian steel guitar speaks of Hawai'i and has caused many players in different countries of the world, to form social clubs which meet annually to enjoy the music of their instrument, AND to travel to Hawai'i annually to meet and enjoy the music of the great players of the instrument - in Hawai'i.

Please don't choose the instrument of Hawai'i without giving consideration to this beautiful work of Joseph Kekuku. I am told there is NO INSTRUMENT OF MODERN MUSIC that was invented in the U.S.A. except the Hawaiian steel guitar, and Hawai'i was not a state, but a Territory of the USA at that time.

from: Lorene L. Ruymar, a player of that beautiful instrument.

Aloha Rep. K. Mark Takai, Chair, and Rep. Ken Ito, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Veterans, Military, & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts:

My name is Warren Barnes. I am writing to oppose SB 3107 as drafted.

The ukulele is an honorable instrument, but is not uniquely identified with Hawaii. Even when it is used as background in Hawaiian music, more often than not it is along with a Hawaiian Steel Guitar. I am unaware of any data that would suggest that naming the ukulele Hawaii's official musical string instrument would spread Hawaiian culture or have a favorable impact on Hawaii's economy.

By contrast, the Hawaiian Steel Guitar is uniquely identified with Hawaii. In fact, it is indigenous to Hawaii. Moreover, throughout the world the unique sound of the Hawaiian Steel Guitar, as solo or background, causes listeners to think immediately of Hawaii and frequently fuels a desire to be in Hawaii. That association exists with no other instrument. I believe that naming the Hawaiian Steel Guitar Hawaii's official musical string instrument would do more to spread Hawaiian culture and enhance Hawaii's economy than any other no-cost measure.

I have played four other instruments, but I love my Hawaiian Steel Guitar the most. On any Island and anywhere on the mainland, with my Hawaiian Steel Guitar I participate in and, ideally, help to spread Hawaiian culture. More than anything else in the world, the Hawaiian Steel Guitar is uniquely and delightfully Hawaiian, and that is precisely why I play it.

In summary, I urge a "no" vote on SB 3107. I also recommend that you favorably consider naming the Hawaiian Steel Guitar the official musical string instrument of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.
Warren Barnes

Roxanne Kamalu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tadashi Arakawa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: SB3107SD1 relating to the state instrument. Dear person in charge, This is Tadashi Arakawa from Yokohama, Japan. I am one of fan loving Hawaiian music and Hawaiian instruments. Recently I get the news that you are considering to make UKULELE as the official instrument of the State of Hawaii. Relating to this matter, I would herein submit testimony to you. In Japan, especially in summer season sound of Hawaiian Steel Guitar is streaming in many public places such as restaurants, hotels, hospitals and department stores etc. Hearing to this sound, almost people says that oh ! this is Hawaiian music, how sweet Steel Guitar sound is and this is in a real Hawaiian paradise. Ukulele is actually very popular in Japan now a day and many people are enjoying to play it. But they are playing music in many fields rather very few to play Hawaiian music. Another point, Japanese people sitting in Hawaiian music field knows already Hawaiian steel guitar has its roots in Hawaii but ukulele in Portugal. Therefore if you decide ukulele as state instrument, people here may say WHY? I do hope you will reconsider to make HAWAIIAN STEEL GUITAR as official Instrument of the State of Hawaii. Sincerely yours and Mahalo, Tadashi Arakawa March 10, 2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rhonda Murotake	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Having grown up on the mainland hearing recordings of the music my father was raised with in Hawai'i, I recently started to pursue learning more about the music of Hawai'i. After carefully considering the slack-key guitar, the ukulele, and the Hawaiian steel guitar, I settled on the steel guitar to learn to play. I've heard both the slack-key and ukulele played in many different genre of music, but the steel guitar is uniquely tied to Hawaiian music. Another reason for my decision was discovering that the slack-key came to the islands with Mexican cowboys, and the ukulele derived from a Portuguese instrument! However the steel guitar is truly the sound of the islands and the technique developed there. When I tell people of my new musical endeavor and they give me a puzzled look, all I have to do mimic the sound and they instantly know what I'm talking about! I hereby submit my testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 3107. Please do not make the ukulele the official state instrument of Hawai'i. Respectfully, Rhonda Murotake More hapa than sansei.

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Dear Committee Members:

Imagine you are stuck in the Midwest this winter. Unprecedented cold, daunting snow, treacherous ice, and endless grey skies. You wonder if the temperature will ever warm up even just a little. In fact, along with the temperature drop, your spirit drops. Just surviving the winter takes a large part of your energy and spirit.

Now imagine you can hear music that takes your imagination to your islands. Sounds that are made lush from string chords, evokes an emotion and promise of tropical trade winds, coco palms and sweet aloha. It is the most evocative sound of the islands – the lap steel guitar. Your spirit and energy soars upon hearing the soft melodies.

I have been playing lap steel guitar and taking Skype lessons from the islands for over one year. I would like to respectfully persuade you not to back HB 2573, which if passed, would make the ukulele the state instrument.

The sound of the lap steel guitar is immediately recognizable world-wide as the ‘voice of the islands.’ Joseph Kekuku and James Hoa were the first to put a guitar on its back and glide a metal piece across its strings – an entirely unique sound that would come to permeate world consciousness as Hawaiian, and ONLY HAWAIIAN.

Additionally, the ukulele, was the work of two Portuguese, - Nunes and Santos. Yes, the world is experiencing the third resurgence of this very popular instrument. However, the ‘uke’ neither has connotative quality of the lap steel, nor the cultural roots of the lap steel guitar.

In closing, thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit testimony on HB2573. Please give the lap steel guitar the recognition it so richly deserves.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Luongo
606 NW Central St
Lee’s Summit, MO 64063
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From: Robert Beard

03-10-14

136-A Kahako Street

Kailua, Hi 96734

RE: SB3107 and HB2573

Dear and Honorable Hawaii Legislators:

Currently HB2573 and SB 3107 are put forward to have the Ukulele confirmed as the State Stringed Instrument of Hawaii.

I oppose this vehemently. The ukulele is NOT of Hawaiian origin any more than a bagpipe is.

The ukulele is of Portuguese origin. While it is true that it is widely popular within Hawaii, and recognized world-wide as being a worthy instrument for playing Hawaiian melodies on, IT IS NOT OF HAWAIIAN ORIGIN.

Historically what we now called ukulele is more correctly called the Braguina as it was named in its native Portugal. (also called the machete do braga). It is a fine instrument, fun to play, portable, not too expensive, etc...but none of these traits makes any less of what it truly is and that is an instrument of Portuguese design and origin. It is an adopted instrument, not an instrument of Hawaii.

To make the ukulele the state stringed instrument would be as blasphemous as making the Zebra dove the state bird. The Zebra dove can be seen everywhere, it is the bird most tourists could identify as one they saw in Hawaii, but it is not *from* Hawaii; it is not a Hawaiian bird; it was introduced to Hawaii just as the ukulele was.

For Hawaii to adopt an instrument representative of Hawaii, the state of Hawaii, and the people and heritage of Hawaii we should appoint a musical instrument conceived and created here in Hawaii. The only instrument that embodies ALL of these qualities and aspects is the Hawaiian Guitar, or as it is more popularly known now, the Lap Steel, or Hawaiian Lap steel guitar.

Historically the Hawaiian Lap steel creation is attributed to Hawaiian schoolboy Joseph Kekuku in 1885. That date Precedes the introduction of the Portuguese instrument that has become known as the Ukulele, and right there is the defining difference between choosing the Hawaiian Guitar as the state stringed instrument as opposed to the ukulele. The Hawaiian Guitar (lap steel guitar) was invented right here in Hawaii. The ukulele was brought to Hawaii and introduced here.

The Hawaiian guitar was so popular on the mainland in early-to-mid-1900's that it spawned a giant Hawaiian music fad and eventually that Hawaiian sound began to be incorporated into other genres of music. This is how Hawaiian music changed the world. That sound found its way into swing, blues, country, show tunes, Big band era music and eventually nearly every other form of music, and that sound was INVENTED right here in Hawaii. The instrument that creates that sound was INVENTED right here in Hawaii.

If the intent is to exemplify the creativity, the music, the heritage, the spirit and the tradition of the Hawaiian people it should be represented by an instrument OF the Hawaiian people. And that instrument is the Hawaiian Lap Steel Guitar.

Thank you.

Robert Beard

Roxanne Kamalu

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james wataru	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts From: Jamie Wataru Resident of Hawaii Kai RE:SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. I am submitting testimony in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573 which would designate the 'ukulele the official string instrument of Hawai'i. For over 100 years, the 'ukulele has been an iconic instrument associated with Hawai'i. Throughout Hawaii's history, the 'ukulele has played a special and essential role in Hawaiian music. Soon after its introduction, the 'ukulele was quickly embraced by the Merrie Monarch himself, King David Kalakaua. King Kalakaua was an avid 'ukulele player and possessed a great appreciation for both traditional Hawaiian music as well as the musical innovations of His time. Designating the 'ukulele as our official state string instrument would not only recognize this unique instrument but also pay tribute to the world class 'ukulele musicians from our great state of Hawai'i and throughout the world. It is for these reasons that I stand in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony. Aloha and mahalo, Jamie Wataru Resident of Hawaii Kai

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Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and members of the Veterans, Military, International Affairs and Culture & Arts Committee, and to all others to whom it may concern,

My name is Buck Giles, born and raised on the island of Oahu. I am a professional musician and employee of the City and County of Honolulu Ocean Safety Division. I'm a supporting member of the Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association (HSGA) and an advocate for the preservation and EDUCATION of all Hawaiian musical traditions. Being a multi-instrumentalist I perform regularly and have recorded on numerous albums with the Hawaiian steel guitar being my primary instrument.

Not to be confused with Slack Key guitar which is common among local residents and visitors, the indigenous Hawaiian Steel Guitar is the signature sound of Hawaii and Hawaiian music hands down. There is no other instrument in the world that when hearing the lilting sound and glissando of the steel bar on the strings that screams Hawaii. Despite its popularity world wide the Hawaiian Steel Guitar has become a fragile musical tradition almost forgotten and not very well documented as one of the most important instruments to influence Hawaiian, American and world guitar ethos. Its impact in the first half of the 1900's helped to shape Hawaiian and American music as we know it today and created the first world music craze of the 20th century. The style and method invented by Hawaii's own Joseph Kekuku became so popular that the first electric guitar was a Hawaiian Lap Steel. It then became the signature sound of country music and influenced the guitar style of the blues.

When it comes to traditions in Hawaii we all know that it is very important to do your homework. To choose any instrument by popularity to represent Hawaii without thoroughly investigating its history would not be just.

I hereby submit my testimony in opposition to House Bill SB3107
Please and I do implore reconsider your decision on making the ukulele the official string instrument of the State.

Roxanne Kamalu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Meisse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have already commented on the companion measure. While the ukulele does have a strong association with Hawaiian music, like the harmonica, it is a very convenient instrument to carry around with you no matter what kind of music you want to play. As far as most of the world is concerned, THE SIGNATURE INSTRUMENT for Hawaiian music is the only modern instrument actually invented in Hawaii by a Hawaiian, the steel guitar. Many early players of the steel guitar were Hawaiian. Also, many of the best and most influential players of steel guitar have been Hawaiian. At least 3 of the very best of today's steel guitar players are Hawaiian, Greg Sardinha, Alan Akaka and Casey Olsen. Mainland players of other styles frequently make pilgrimages to the birthplace of the instrument, Cindy Cashdollar being a recent example. The steel guitar is the musical instrument that identifies Hawaii.

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Roxanne Kamalu

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Melissa Ozaki	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To:Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts RE:SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. I am submitting testimony in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573 which would designate the 'ukulele the official string instrument of Hawai'i. For over 100 years, the 'ukulele has been an iconic instrument associated with Hawai'i. Throughout Hawaii's history, the 'ukulele has played a special and essential role in Hawaiian music. Soon after its introduction, the 'ukulele was quickly embraced by the Merrie Monarch himself, King David Kalakaua. King Kalakaua was an avid 'ukulele player and possessed a great appreciation for both traditional Hawaiian music as well as the musical innovations of His time. Designating the 'ukulele as our official state string instrument would not only recognize this unique instrument but also pay tribute to the world class 'ukulele musicians from our great state of Hawai'i and throughout the world. It is for these reasons that I stand in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony. Aloha and mahalo, Melissa Ozaki Resident of Waikoloa, Hawaii

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To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: Mele Fong
Resident of Kula, Maui

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

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Designating the 'ukulele as our official state string instrument would not only recognize this unique instrument but also pay tribute to the world class 'ukulele musicians from our great state of Hawai'i and throughout the world.

I teach 'ukulele lessons on Maui and online to residents and visitors alike. I advertise mainly through my business website at www.UkuleleMeleOnMaui.com, and I'm always amazed that the analytics indicate that people are visiting my website from all around the world. I know that people associate the 'ukulele which was born here, with our state. Hawai'i's history is rich with the evolution of 'ukulele as rhythm accompaniment for singers to a solo instrument made popular by Jake and others. It's about time that this uniquely Hawaiian instrument is recognized by the state.

It is for these reasons that I stand in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,
Mele Fong
Resident of Kula, Maui

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: SB 3107 & HB 2573

From: Ryan Trujillo [mailto:ryantrujillo808@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:03 PM
To: All Senators; All Reps
Subject: RE: SB 3107 & HB 2573

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Art,

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I would also like to add, as a Hawaiian musician for over 14 years, the ukulele has always been associated with the state of Hawaii. Throughout touring the mainland west coast, there have been so many positive interactions between the ukulele, myself, and mainlanders. It is the ukulele that has allowed me to share a piece of Hawaii with the world. I do love the sound of a steel guitar, but unfortunately the instrument is heavily associated with that of country western music instead of our own Hawaiian music. It is for these reasons that I stand in strong support of SB 3107 and HB 2573.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Ryan Trujillo

Resident of Honolulu, Hawaii

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:40 PM
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Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Ozaki, Jodi [mailto:ozak1299@pacificu.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:00 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts From: Jodi Ozaki Resident of Waikoloa, Hawaii RE:SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. I am submitting testimony in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573 which would designate the 'ukulele the official string instrument of Hawai'i. For over 100 years, the 'ukulele has been an iconic instrument associated with Hawai'i. Throughout Hawaii's history, the 'ukulele has played a special and essential role in Hawaiian music. Soon after its introduction, the 'ukulele was quickly embraced by the Merrie Monarch himself, King David Kalakaua. King Kalakaua was an avid 'ukulele player and possessed a great appreciation for both traditional Hawaiian music as well as the musical innovations of His time. Designating the 'ukulele as our official state string instrument would not only recognize this unique instrument but also pay tribute to the world class 'ukulele musicians from our great state of Hawai'i and throughout the world. It is for these reasons that I stand in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony. Aloha and mahalo, Jodi Ozaki Resident of Waikoloa, Hawaii

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
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Subject: FW: Ukulele as State Instrument

From: Christine Probert [mailto:cprobe@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 6:49 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele as State Instrument

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and
Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: **Christine Probert**
Resident of Kihei, Hi.

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

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It is for these reasons that I stand in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,
Christine Probert
Resident of **Kihei, Hi.**

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
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From: dyamamura2@hawaii.rr.com [mailto:dyamamura2@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject:

"Today the ukulele is an essential part of Hawaiia n culture. Soon after its introduction, the ukulele was quickly embraced by many, including the Merrie Monarch himself, King David Kalakaua. The King was fond of traditional Hawaiian music but had a great appreciation for musical innovation. Consequently, with a new Koa wood design, slightly different tuning, and the royal stamp of approval, the ukulele was incorporated into the King's revival of the Hawaiian arts, and subsequently grew in popularity in Hawai'i and around the world. Because the times were also marked by a period of political turmoil the popular Koa instrument became a symbol of "aloha 'aina" and support for Hawaiian sovereignty.

This recognition of the ukulele extends past the instrument itself. It pays tribute to Hawaii's world class musicians and instrument makers, past and present, for forever ties the ukulele with Hawai'i. The beauty of these islands is contained not only within our oceans, forests, and mountains, but in our customs and traditions that we were able to hanai from others. João Fernandes, Augusto Dias, Manuel Nunes, and Jose do Espirito brought this joyous instrument to Hawai'i from Portugal 135 years ago. Today, the ukulele is still thriving in our island home.

Official symbols acknowledge things that are important to our state, instill a sense of pride, and link present and future generations to the past. We feel that the ukulele is deserving of this distinction.

Given these reasons, the ukulele is an easy choice for this designation. However, these bills will not move forward without the support of the public. We humbly ask for your assistance in getting the word out to your ukulele friends and 'ohana to submit testimony in support of the bills so that we may honor its impact on Hawai'i."

I thoroughly agree with the information above, and I hope you will consider making the ukulele ths official instrument of Hawaii. I taught the ukulele in our elementary school for most of the 30+ years that I taught music. It was part of the Hawaii State Music Education. Maybe if it's made the official instrument, more of our teachers will make it part of their music curriculum, as it should be. Roy Sakuma has proved that even little children can learn to play the ukulele. It is a wonderful instrument that seniors at Kaunoa Senior Center have had a renewed interest. We need to be proud of this little instrument that we've adopted from the Portuguese and made it better!

Thank you.

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:41 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Testimony for the Ukulele

From: Mary Lardizabal [mailto:pianokeys123@outlook.com]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 5:06 PM
To: All Reps; sen@capitol.hawaii.gov; Rep. James Tokioka
Subject: Testimony for the Ukulele

ALOHA!

I am the music director at Kapaa Middle School on the island of Kauai. I have taught on Kauai for 18 years. I teach an award—winning choir and ukulele band. For the past 14 years, my students are given the opportunity to perform at the Heritage Music Festival. For the last 6 years, we have traveled to the mainland and shared our music and culture at the festival.

On March 14th, we will be representing our island and state, once again, in Anaheim, California as Ambassador's of Aloha to bring home more accolades! One year, the audience was very curious what an "Ukulele Band" was. My students and parents heard them talking. We showed them! We received a standing ovation for our performance! I am in full support of this bill to make this incredible instrument the "State Instrument".

I feel that it is important to share our culture with others from around the world who travel to Hawaii and to showcase such a versatile instrument. We have so many talented and gifted musicians right here in the islands and I feel that by making this Hawaii's instrument, that it will make our state even more distinguished and unique! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my interest! All the best to keep music alive in our education system!

Mary Lardizabal
Lihue, Kaua'i

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:41 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: SB 3107 and HB 2573 Testimony

From: Editor@ukuleleguild.org [mailto:editor@ukuleleguild.org]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 4:21 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Cc: Rep. James Tokioka
Subject: SB 3107 and HB 2573 Testimony

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: Daniel Westphal
Resident of Kailua, Hawaii

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. I am submitting testimony in asking for your unyielding support of SB 3107 and HB 2573 which would designate the 'ukulele the official string instrument of Hawai'i.

Being raised in the US's Midwest state of Michigan nevertheless the ukulele reached my childhood through an uncle who traveled through Hawaii during the WWII years. Thoughts of Hawaii bring to many people around the World the hula and the ukulele. Presently I am a resident of Hawaii and a member of the Board of Directors for the "Ukulele Guild of Hawaii". I transitioned out of a military career, settled down in Kailua Hawaii and wanted to take my woodworking skills on to something that had to do with the Hawaiian culture. An item made of wood, the ukulele, made the most sense for me but it makes the most sense when one looks for an example of a piece of Hawaii's mele culture that is shared with others around the world. I will tell you, having traveled the world during my 31 years of military service and carrying my ukulele with me to many of these far found places I have traveled has always given those who I have met an immediate association with Hawaii. It is a well-recognized Hawaiian item and the perfect instrument to be designated as our official state stringed instrument. This designation would also pay tribute to the world class 'ukulele musicians from our great state of Hawai'i as well as other players who share this unique music throughout the world.

It is for these reasons that I stand in STAUNCH support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,

Daniel Westphal

Resident of Kailua Hawaii

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:42 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

From: Kim Zarzuela [mailto:kim.zarzuela@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 3:54 PM
To: All Senators; All Reps
Subject: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: **Kim Zarzuela**
Resident of *Shizuoka, Japan*
RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. I am submitting testimony in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573 which would designate the ukulele as the official string instrument of Hawaii.

I am a ukulele player living in Japan but have very close ties to Hawaii. Here in Japan, the ukulele invokes a deep association with Hawaii. In fact, I was really surprised to learn that the ukulele was not already Hawaii's instrument.

Designating the ukulele as Hawaii's official state string instrument would not only recognize this unique instrument but also pay tribute to the world class ukulele musicians from our great state of Hawaii and throughout the world.

It is for these reasons that I stand in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,

Kim Zarzuela
Resident of *Shizuoka, Japan*

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:28 AM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: The Ukulele Bills: SB 3107 and HB 2573

From: Max O'Neil [mailto:oneoverflowing@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 8:58 PM
To: All Reps; allsens@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: The Ukulele Bills: SB 3107 and HB 2573

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: Michael O'Neil

Resident of Kihei, HI

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Aloha and mahalo,

Michael O'Neil

Resident of Kihei, HI

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:25 AM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

From: Eileen Taketa [mailto:eetaketa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:08 AM
To: All Reps
Subject: Re: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

I am strongly in favor of the ukulele as the state instrument. I personally have been playing the ukulele for 4 years and it is the only instrument I learned to play. I started lessons as a senior in our community center and it has been wonderful to sing and play all the old time Hawaiian songs that we have been growing up with. For this reason I think the ukulele should be our state instrument. When anyone sees a ukulele, they immediately think of Hawaii.

Aloha and mahalo,
Eileen Taketa
Resident of Maui, Hawaii

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:58 AM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele - HB 2573 & SB 3107

From: Allen Matsumoto [mailto:allensmat@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:29 AM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele - HB 2573 & SB 3107

To The Hawaii State Representatives,

The character of the ukulele radiates the magic and beauty that surround Hawaii. The tone reaches into the hearts and souls of who we are and expresses our spirit of aloha. The sound of the ukulele resonates beyond the stars and returns in the rainbow mist of a waterfall. The ukulele indeed represents the instrument of this beautiful state of Hawaii.

With warm Aloha,
Allen S. Matsumoto

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:59 AM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: lynn hashizaki [mailto:lhashizaki@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:45 AM
To: All Reps; allsens@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: Lynn Hashizaki
Resident of Pukalani

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It is for these reasons that I stand in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,
Lynn Hashizaki
Resident of Pukalani

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:49 AM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: John R Vogel [mailto:vogelj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:35 AM
To: All Reps
Cc: All Senators
Subject: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107

I am writing to support the proposal that the ukulele be recognized as the Hawaii's State Musical Instrument.

The ukulele is the ideal instrument for Hawaii's youth and adults alike. It is inexpensive, simple to learn, easy to carry around, and the subject of countless Hawaiian mele.

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Sincerely,

John Kamealoha Vogel

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:59 AM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Jericho Sombrio [mailto:jericho@easymusiccenter.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:58 AM
To: All Senators; All Reps
Subject: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Jericho Sombrio
Resident of Honolulu, HI

RE:SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

Aloha,

My name is Jericho Sombrio, and I am the purchasing manager here at Easy Music Center, a local music retail store located here in Honolulu, HI for over 70 years. I have worked here for over six years now and it is my job to order ukulele and know the marketplace, and what I can say is it is growing exponentially.

The steel string guitar is an amazing instrument, but it does not represent our state as the ukulele does. The steel string guitar can be found worldwide, and the best steel string guitars are not even made in Hawaii. As where the ukulele has been absorbed in the Hawaii community, the best ukulele are not only made in Hawaii, but are made from Hawaiian Koa, because that is THE SOUND that everyone admires.

If you did not know, there has been an ukulele phenomenon that has swept the world. Everyone in the world is playing the ukulele and it is only becoming more and more popular. Perfect for all ages, easy to hold, easy to learn, and down right, fun to play. When tourist visit our stores, they are not coming in to buy steel string guitars, they are here to buy ukulele, even if it's not Hawaiian made, the fact that they bought an ukulele from Hawaii is more than enough gratification. Even if people worldwide do not purchase an ukulele that is Hawaiian made, we find if that they stick with playing ukulele, they will want to buy a Hawaiian made ukulele, which is why I think the ukulele is the perfect choice when it comes to "Hawaii's Official Stringed Instrument."

It is for these reasons that I stand in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and Mahalo,
Jericho Sombrio
Resident of Honolulu, HI

Jericho Sombrio

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From: Kiyoshi Hashida [mailto:dbruddah@gmail.com]
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Subject: SB 3107 and HB 2573

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Aloha and mahalo,
Kiyoshi Hashida
Resident of Aiea

Roxanne Kamalu

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From: Brandon Sato [mailto:brandon@easymusiccenter.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:41 AM
To: All Senators; All Reps
Subject: SB 3107 and HB 2573

Brandon Sato. Ewa Beach.

Ukulele!

Roxanne Kamalu

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:01 AM
To: vmitestimony
Cc: dainkane@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB3107 on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM

SB3107

Submitted on: 3/11/2014

Testimony for VMI on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dain P. Kane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! Please accept my testimony in strong support of recognizing the 'ukulele as Hawai'i's Official State String Instrument. It's familiarity and access throughout Hawai'i & around the world is second to none. From our young keiki to our beloved kupuna, the 'ukulele provides the opportunity for all levels of skill to play. In our public & private schools, you continue to see our youth toting their 'uke wherever they go. Our senior programs... many strumming their 'ukes while their life long friends dance the hula... so many examples of why the "ukulele deserves this special recognition! Mahalo!

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:27 AM
To: vmitestimony
Cc: stefsakamoto@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB3107 on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM

SB3107

Submitted on: 3/11/2014

Testimony for VMI on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stefanie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am in strong support of HB 2573, Relating to the State Instrument, which would name the ukulele the state string instrument. While there may be other instruments that could serve as the official state instrument, none are as well-known or as widely recognized as being from Hawaii. Virtually all Hawaiian music contains the recognizable sound of the ukulele. As a former member of the Waiakea Intermediate School Ukulele Band, I would be proud to call the ukulele the State Instrument of Hawaii. Please pass this measure out of committee.

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To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: *[Insert Name]*
Resident of *[Insert City/Town]*

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. I am submitting testimony in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573 which would designate the 'ukulele the official string instrument of Hawai'i.

For over 100 years, the 'ukulele has been an iconic instrument associated with Hawai'i. Throughout Hawaii's history, the 'ukulele has played a special and essential role in Hawaiian music. Soon after its introduction, the 'ukulele was quickly embraced by the Merrie Monarch himself, King David Kalakaua. King Kalakaua was an avid 'ukulele player and possessed a great appreciation for both traditional Hawaiian music as well as the musical innovations of His time.

Designating the 'ukulele as our official state string instrument would not only recognize this unique instrument but also pay tribute to the world class 'ukulele musicians from our great state of Hawai'i and throughout the world.

It is for these reasons that I stand in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,
[Insert Name]
Resident of *[Insert City/Town]*

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:47 AM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: In favor of designating the Ūkulele as the state instrument
Attachments: ukulele testimony

From: Jocelyn Fujii [mailto:jocelyn.fujii@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:42 AM
To: All Reps
Subject: In favor of designating the Ūkulele as the state instrument

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: Jocelyn Fujii
Resident of Honolulu, HI

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB 3107 and HB 2573, which would designate the Ūkulele the official string instrument of Hawai'i. I'm writing in strong support of both bills honoring the Ūkulele and giving it the stature it deserves in our cultural and musical life.

The Ūkulele has been Hawai'i's iconic instrument for over a century, evoking the spirit of the Islands to people all over the world. Throughout Hawaii's history, the Ūkulele has played a special and essential role in our family life and cultural heritage. Who among us does not cherish backyard family gatherings with impromptu Ūkulele playing, adding joy and celebration to every event?

Soon after its introduction, the Ūkulele was quickly embraced by the Merrie Monarch himself, King David Kalakaua, himself an avid Ūkulele player. He was not alone in his appreciation for both traditional Hawaiian music and the musical innovations of his time. Other monarchs, as well as contemporary musical icons such as Jake Shimabukuro, Israel Kamakawiwo'ole and Brittni Paiva, have given the Ūkulele an unparalleled relevance and significance in Hawai'i and around the world.

Please pass SB3107 and HB 2573 designating the Ūkulele as our official state string instrument. Such a designation would enhance our cultural life here and abroad and would honor this ubiquitous instrument as an inherent part of Island life.

For these and many other reasons, I stand in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much

for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

I regret that I am out of state at this time and unable to personally testify. I hope you will count my written testimony in the bills' favor despite my physical absence.

Aloha and mahalo,

Jocelyn Fujii

Resident of Honolulu, Hawai'i

808-947-6470; cell 808-754-9870

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:54 AM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

From: tokioka2@gmail.com [mailto:tokioka2@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:53 AM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Rylan Tokioka
Waipahu, HI
RE:

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For over 100 years, the 'ukulele has been an iconic instrument associated with Hawai'i. Throughout Hawaii's history, the 'ukulele has played a special and essential role in Hawaiian music. Soon after its introduction, the 'ukulele was quickly embraced by the Merrie Monarch himself, King David Kalakaua. King Kalakaua was an avid 'ukulele player and possessed a great appreciation for both traditional Hawaiian music as well as the musical innovations of His time.

Designating the 'ukulele as our official state string instrument would not only recognize this unique instrument but also pay tribute to the world class 'ukulele musicians from our great state of Hawai'i and throughout the world.

It is for these reasons that I stand in **STRONG** support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,
Rylan Tokioka - Waipahu, HI

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 12:03 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Help Make the Ukulele the Official State Instrument!

From: Susie Murphy [mailto:susiegoodbodymurphy@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:57 AM
To: All Senators; All Reps
Cc: Ned
Subject: Re: Help Make the Ukulele the Official State Instrument!

TO: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and
Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

FROM: Alvin E. Murphy, Jr. MD, and Susan Goodbody Murphy
Residents of Honolulu, HI

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

Aloha:

My husband and I are long-time residents of Hawai'i and have a deep love for the 'Aina and history of the State. I was born and raised in Honolulu and worked for Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the Lt. Governor's Office, and the Honolulu City Council.

We are writing today to express our strong support for SB 3107 and HB 2573, Relating to the State Instrument, specifically relating to making the 'Ukulele the State Instrument. Throughout the world, the 'ukulele is associated with Hawai'i, and making it the State instrument is a logical extension of this association.

Thank you for your consideration of our support.

Alvin E. Murphy, Jr. MD
Susan Goodbody Murphy

3623 Manamana Place
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822
808.223.6528
808.721-6940

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

From: Nicole Lincir [mailto:nicollelincir@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Nicole Lincir Bekers

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:44 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB2573/SB 3107

-----Original Message-----

From: Angie Bell [mailto:angiesantabarbara@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:42 PM
To: All Reps
Cc: All Senators
Subject: HB2573/SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official Instrument.

Angie Bell

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:18 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107



From: Kekoa Billena [mailto:c_kekoa2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:13 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument”

Sent from my iPhone

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:34 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

From: Co60bishop [mailto:co60bishop@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:49 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Allen Bishop

Sent from my iPad

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:37 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukelele as Hawaii;s Official State Instrument

From: Rill Brand [mailto:rillb@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:56 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Ukelele as Hawaii;s Official State Instrument

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument”

Rill Brand
rillb@yahoo.com

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:09 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

-----Original Message-----

From: Dean Brist [mailto:deanbrist@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:58 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:17 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107

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From: Camello, Rudi [mailto:RUDOLFCAMELLO@clearchannel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:08 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107

Rudi C. Camello
Senior Account Executive | Clear Channel Media + Entertainment
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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:13 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: UKULELE!

-----Original Message-----

From: araic002@hawaii.rr.com [mailto:araic002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: UKULELE!

Aloha State Representatives!

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument"

Mahalo nui loa.....

Carol

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:39 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele Forever

-----Original Message-----

From: gechaconas@cox.net [mailto:gechaconas@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:24 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele Forever

I support all legislation that recognizes the Ukulele as Hawaii's official musical instrument ~ George Chaconas

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:56 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support the ukulele as the state instrument

-----Original Message-----

From: Allwyn Chao [mailto:allwinace@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:50 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: I support the ukulele as the state instrument

Mahalo,
Allwyn Chao

Sent from my iPad

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Hawaii's State Instrument

From: noreen chun [mailto:noreenchunhawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:50 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Hawaii's State Instrument

I support HB2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's official State Instrument.

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele State Instrument



From: Skye Coe [mailto:mauiskye1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:07 PM
To: All Senators; All Reps
Subject: Ukulele State Instrument

Dear Senators and Representatives,

A'e No! Yes, indeed! Because music and culture matter!

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From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

From: Crawford, Joan [mailto:jcrawford@pacificachristian.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:54 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Ukulele

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

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Joan Crawford
Principal
Pacifica Christian High
310.828.7015 ext 2

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From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:32 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Custance [mailto:daveycustance@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:34 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Thanks a Lot!

Dave Custance
(310) 947-7149

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:38 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: uke

-----Original Message-----

From: user1131903@chdavis.com [mailto:user1131903@chdavis.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:12 PM
To: All Reps
Cc: All Senators
Subject: uke

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: KATHY DAY [mailto:kathyday4@icloud.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:52 PM
To: All Reps
Subject:

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument .

Sent from my iPad

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:31 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele as state instrument

From: Thomas Decloedt [mailto:thomas.decloedt@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:27 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Ukulele as state instrument

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument”

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Thomas Decloedt, Ph.D.
Department of Oceanography
University of Hawaii
Honolulu, HI, USA
Website: <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~decloedt/>

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:17 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support BH 2573 and SB 3107

-----Original Message-----

From: JenJen Denault [mailto:jenniferdenault@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:12 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Support BH 2573 and SB 3107

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument"

Jennifer Denault
Kane'ohe, HI

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:32 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: State instrument

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne [mailto:annedisciuolo1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:41 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: State instrument

I support the ukulele as being the Hawaiian state instrument. A perfect choice.
Mahalo

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:09 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Yes for the UKULELE

-----Original Message-----

From: Dizanne [mailto:dizanne@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:16 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Yes for the UKULELE

Please vote for the ukulele!

I love the ukulele and truly feel it is Hawaii's iconic and most celebrated instrument!

I started taking lessons a few years ago after going to the Big Island and being serenaded by my cousin and all her friends. I feel I am experiencing beautiful Aloha especially while practicing Brother IZ's Over the Rainbow and Blue Hawaii! Sounding pretty good!

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Magically Yours!
~Dizanne

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

From: anthony donell [mailto:tonydonell@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:47 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument”

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Anthony (Tony) Donell
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Coatesville, Pa 19320
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Delta Performance LLC

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Please vote in favor of Ukulele

From: Marilyn Dougery [mailto:mdougery@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:52 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Please vote in favor of Ukulele

We hope you will support HB 2573 and SB 3107 making the Ukulele the Hawaiian state instrument.
Mahalo and aloha,

Marilyn and John Dougery

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:23 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HI 2573, SB 3107 Support

LATE

From: Dawna Ertel [mailto:dawnaertel721@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:20 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HI 2573, SB 3107 Support

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Thank you
Dawna Ertel

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:23 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB2573 and SB3107

From: KENT FIELD [mailto:kentkamaole@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:19 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB2573 and SB3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Kent Field
Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

Roxanne Kamalu

LATE

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:15 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB2573

-----Original Message-----

From: vfish1938@hawaii.rr.com [mailto:vfish1938@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:44 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB2573

I support HB2573 honoring the UKULELE as Hawaii's official state instrument.

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:24 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: The Ukulele = Hawaii's State Instrument



From: Ginny Foster [mailto:hawaiifosters@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:23 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: The Ukulele = Hawaii's State Instrument

Of course it should be the ukulele!!!!

We support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

The whole world believes this to be true! You just need to make it official. Mahalo.

**Tom and Ginny Foster
520 Lunalilo Home Road, Unit 6303
Honolulu, HI 96829**

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Dusty Foster [mailto:wdustyfoster@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:56 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

*William D. Foster
Lahaina, HI*

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:17 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Sam & Elaine Fukuhara [mailto:fukuhara@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:07 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument”

Elaine Fukuhara

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:19 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support for Ukulele as Official Hawaii State Instrument

From: jane fyrberg [mailto:janefyrberg@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:18 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Support for Ukulele as Official Hawaii State Instrument

No other instrument says Hawaii like our ukulele. Ask anyone world wide what comes to mind when they see an ukulele being played under a palm tree and you know what the answer will be. Please vote for our ukulele as our official state instrument.

Mahalo, J.S. Fyrberg, M.D. Ukulele lover

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:39 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele - State Instrument

From: Ed Garces [mailto:ed@edgarces.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:19 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele - State Instrument

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" !!!!!

Ed
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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:24 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107



From: teresa.garrison7 [mailto:teresa.garrison7@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:22 PM
To: All Reps
Cc: Roy Sakuma Productions
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

GREETINGS,

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument."

I am a California resident, but in October 2013 I attended the Maui Ukulele Festival at the Maui Cultural Arts Center and witnessed the impact that the ukulele has upon people, especially Hawaiians. There were people from all over the world in attendance (they came from the cruise ships as well as tourists visiting from the mainland).

Hawaiian school students participated in this music celebration involving the hundreds of ukulele players, singers, and hula dancers. It is evident that when this many musicians are playing the ukulele, that it is important to the culture of Hawaii.

SINCERELY,

Teresa L. Garrison

Member of the Rancho Cucamonga Ukulele Strummers Ablaze, attendees of the 8th Annual Maui Ukulele Festival

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: (no subject)

From: Gerardsea@aol.com [mailto:Gerardsea@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:52 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: (no subject)

I support the ukulele as Hawaii's official instrument.
Gerard C Gifford
2387 South Kihei Rd, B103
Kihei, Hi. 96753

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:15 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support for HB 2573



From: L Gillespie [mailto:lngillespie@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:58 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Support for HB 2573

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Leanne Gillespie

Honolulu, Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:14 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB2573 & SB 3107



From: Alisha Goh [mailto:goalis99@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB2573 & SB 3107

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:32 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Hawaii's Official State Instrument

From: Steve and Kathleen [mailto:gould@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:38 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Aloha,

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument, and I hope you will too!!

Mahalo,
Kathleen Gould
Kailua-Kona, HI

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:35 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

-----Original Message-----

From: Sean Greene [mailto:greenesean@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:50 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Sean Greene

Sent from my iPhone

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support HB# 2573 & 3107



-----Original Message-----

From: Lenna Griffin [mailto:mlgriffin2780@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:05 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Support HB# 2573 & 3107

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument"
Lenna Griffin
Kihei, HI
Mlgriffin2780@hawaiiantel.net

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March 11, 2014

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: Christine Hailele
Resident of Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. I am submitting testimony in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573 which would designate the official string instrument of Hawai'i.

I was never fond of the 'ukulele growing up. I, like many of my generation, grew up on the sounds of Motown and other mainstream styles. What a shame it has taken me 54 years to realize what I missed. Who knew that one day I would hear *My Cherie Amour*, *For Once in My Life*, *Bohemian Rhapsody* and many other tunes strummed on the same instrument that crooned the likes of *Pearly Shells*, *Little Grass Shack*, *O Makalupua*, and so on.

The 'ukulele should be the "State" instrument, not the "State Stringed...", not the "State Auana...". But the "State Instrument". What instrument has been in more TV and Movie scores? The 'ukulele. What instrument has been around over a 100 years and continues to grow more popular every day, every year. The 'ukulele. What instrument can be found in every state and country? The 'ukulele. What instrument can cross eras of time and still be present and very relevant in today's entertainment field? The 'ukulele.

The 'ukulele is the only instrument that can claim to be native to the 'aina; its name, its wood (koa), and the beautiful songs created with it. I hope that the significance of 'ukuleles in our cultural history is not lost on future generations as it was on me as a young child.

Aloha,
Christine Hailele
Resident of Kaneohe

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:35 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 & SB 3107

From: Susan Hamada [mailto:skhamada@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:09 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 & SB 3107

I support HB 2573 & SB 3107.

Susan Hamada

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:31 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukelele

From: Shawn Hamilton [mailto:shawnhamilton@telus.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:28 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukelele

Dear Sir/Madam,

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

I cannot think of any other Hawaiian musical things that come to mind more than a "Ukelele".

Because of our visits to Hawaii, most of our family now plays a ukelele, including my wife and I who are professional musicians.

Thanks,

Shawn

Shawn Hamilton
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(250) 882-9652

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:31 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573



From: Donald Hess [mailto:drhess@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:30 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573

I support HB 2573 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument .

Aloha,

Don Hess

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:23 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Joy Hess [mailto:jhess@wakelight.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:19 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Joy Hess, President/CEO



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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:08 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Ronnie Hinkle [mailto:talofaron@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:51 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

Aloha,

*"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the
Ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .*

*Mahalo,
Ron Hinkle
Ukulele Player
Kapolei, HI
398-4104*

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:14 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 & SB3107

-----Original Message-----

From: newanddeb@gmail.com [mailto:newanddeb@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:58 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 & SB3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Thank you,
Newell Hirata

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:17 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele -- Hawai'i's Gift To The World

-----Original Message-----

From: Bryan Holley [mailto:holley@opendoor.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:13 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Cc: Roy Sakuma Productions
Subject: Ukulele -- Hawai'i's Gift To The World

Aloha,

The great ukulele player and teacher Roy Sakuma has asked me to let you know how much support exists around the world for the ukulele.

Over here on the mainland, I teach ukulele in southern Oregon to adults and children. I have watched people who have never been exposed to music or an instrument or singing pick up an ukulele, learn a few chords, and start to play. The ukulele makes them smile and they might not even know why, but I think the tiny instrument is magical because it has the big heart and soul of aloha of the Hawaiian people inside.

While the tides of history deprived the Hawaiian people of their 'aina and their old way of life, the ukulele arrived at that time to help bring a new way to help keep the old traditions alive. It was embraced by King David and Queen Liliu'e and today has become emblematic of the beautiful, uplifting spirit of the music of Hawai'i.

Please vote to support the House and Senate bills that will allow the sweet little ukulele, Hawai'i's gift to the world, to take its rightful place as the State Instrument of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui for listening to my words,

Much Aloha,

Bryan Holley
Ukulele Teacher
Ashland, Oregon
proudly play an all-koa KoAloha concert ukulele

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:39 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele is not a jumping flea...it IS Aloha!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Chuck Hooper [mailto:choop51@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:19 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele is not a jumping flea...it IS Aloha!!!

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument"

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:23 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

From: carolyn iida [mailto:ctiida@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:19 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:15 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW:



From: Jacob, Eufemia [mailto:eufemia@sonnet.ucla.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:03 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject:

Dear Members of Deciding Committee,

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Thank you very much,

Eufemia Jacob

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:58 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: We support Ukulele as the Hawaii State Instrument

From: Leslie Johnson [mailto:johnsondesign@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: We support Ukulele as the Hawaii State Instrument

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

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Leslie Johnson
Leslie Johnson Design
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mahalo!

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:41 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

From: Judy [mailto:j.a.kerr@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:37 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

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March 11, 2014

To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: **Alice Cabalet Ka'ahanui & Charles A. Ka'ahanui, III**
Residents of **Pawa'a, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawai'i**
Formerly of **Maunaloa & Kaunakakai, Moloka'i, Hawai'i**

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees. I am submitting testimony in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573 which would designate the 'ukulele the official string instrument of Hawai'i.

My husband and I grew up on Moloka'i – he at Kualapu'u school and I at Maunaloa and Kaunakakai Schools - where we all learned to play the 'ukulele. Only two instruments were played by ALL students – flutophones and 'ukulele. At May Day and Christmas programs, at least one class would perform with 'ukulele. We did not appreciate it as much back then, but as our children were growing up and playing 'ukulele in school, we realized how great a part the 'ukulele has played in every Hawai'i child's life. If a child in Hawai'i didn't learn to play it, their friends played, their family gatherings had at least one 'ukulele being played, or they heard it on the radio, TV, and movies. My husband coached baseball and volleyball on Molokai, and when we traveled for games, at least one of the players would bring their 'ukulele along. Other teams who travelled to Moloka'i would do the same.

About five years ago, both my husband and I started working at Kamaka Hawaii, Inc. As he strung the ukuleles, he would tell the younger workers, "You know what it means to be holding this ukulele and helping to build it? This is a legacy right here." He no longer works here, but I still do, and I've seen the growth of this little instrument worldwide. When someone talks about the resurgence of the 'ukulele, they mention Israel Kamakawiwo'ole and Jake Shimabukuro – both from Hawai'i. When you see posters and advertisements for Hawai'i, you see the 'ukulele. And the majority of our customers, whether from Hawaii, the continental U.S., Canada, Japan, Australia, Thailand, Taiwan, Malaysia, Europe...all attribute the 'ukulele to Hawai'i. No matter where the instrument is made, 'ukulele says "Hawaii". Some customers come in and say they have local stores selling ukuleles, but they wanted to be able to say their 'ukulele came from Hawai'i. We receive 3-5 'ukuleles for repair every day because parents and grandparents are passing their instruments on to their children and grandchildren, or they are now wanting to play their 'ukuleles again.

It really doesn't matter that the 'ukulele was derived from a Portuguese instrument. When you ask anyone anywhere in the world, "name an instrument played in Hawai'i." I'm sure the answer will be "'ukulele." There are several states who have claimed the guitar as their state instrument. Why not officially claim the 'ukulele as Hawai'i's state instrument? It is already recognized as such worldwide, anyway. Let's make it official.

It is for these reasons that I stand in STRONG support of SB 3107 and HB 2573. Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,

Alice Cabalet Ka'ahanui & Charles A. Ka'ahanui, III

Residents of ***Pawa'a, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawai'i***

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:58 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HAWAII OFFICIAL STATE INSTRUMENT

From: kago069@gmail.com [mailto:kago069@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:54 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HAWAII OFFICIAL STATE INSTRUMENT

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .



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Roxanne Kamalu

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:07 PM
To: vmitestimony
Cc: kekoa.kaluhiwa@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB3107 on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM

SB3107

Submitted on: 3/11/2014

Testimony for VMI on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekoa Kaluhiwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a native Hawaiian musician and entertainer, I strongly support recognizing the 'ukulele as Hawaii's official state instrument. Mahalo for this opportunity to comment in support of SB3107.

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To: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Nishihara and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Technology and the Arts; and

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Honorable Members of the House committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

From: Sam Kamaka, Fred Kamaka Sr., Chris Kamaka, and Fred Kamaka Jr.
Residents of Kaneohe

RE: SB 3107 and HB 2573: Relating to the State Instrument

My name is Fred Kamaka Jr., and I am here today with my father, Fred Kamaka Sr. on behalf of my family to support Senate Bill 3107 and House Bill 2573 which would designate the ukulele as the official string instrument of Hawaii. My grandfather, Samuel Kamaka Sr. began making ukuleles in 1916, and my family will soon be celebrating our 100th anniversary of Hawaiian ukulele making. My family continues to make our instruments using many of the same techniques of my grandfather, and we are known for our traditional Hawaiian ukulele sound and design.

Today, we are only one of many manufacturers of ukulele worldwide. We handcraft our instruments in Hawaii at our Kakaako factory on South Street, where we have been located since 1959. Although today we cannot keep up with the worldwide demand for the instrument, it was not always that way. As my uncle and father can tell you, in the 1960's and 70's, the popularity of the ukulele waned. It was thought that the ukulele was on its way out, and that it was simply an instrument from Hawaii that was just another passing fad.

But the ukulele, this humble four-stringed instrument, was not a quitter. Even during this downtime, Hawaii public schools continued to teach children how to play the ukulele, local people and Hawaiian musicians kept on strumming. Even people like George Harrison of the Beatles, bucked the downward trend, and in famous footage from the 70's, busted out his 4-string Kamaka concert ukulele to jam with fellow band member Paul McCartney.

And so began the glorious come back, the huge resurgence of interest in the ukulele beginning in the 80's, increasing in the 90's and surpassing all expectations to the present day, not only locally, but nationally, and internationally. The ukulele can now be found everywhere. For example, although many people know that we have made ukulele for musicians such as the late Genoa Keawe, Israel Kamakawiwoole and Jake Shimabukuro, we have also made ukulele for Ziggy Marley, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Eddie Vedder, Bill Cosby and Adam Sandler. Even Matthew Morrison played a Kamaka tenor during the first season of Glee, singing Israel Kamakawiwoole's "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Having a ukulele is like carrying a piece of Hawaii with you wherever you go.

Whenever people ask us, "what is the best ukulele for me?" we always tell them, the ukulele that makes you happy when you play it. Because it's not about a brand, or a maker, so much as it is about the joyful and resilient spirit of this humble instrument that is directly reflective of the hearts of the people of our state. The simple, laid back, happy, no worries, underdog of an instrument... that is our ukulele.

The world sees it as Hawaii's string instrument, and I am here on behalf of my ohana to say let's make it official. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony today, and as my uncle tells everyone he meets, keep strumming.

Aloha and mahalo,
Fred Kamaka Jr.
Resident of Kaneohe

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Utako Kambara [mailto:ukambara@live.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:56 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Mahalo

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Please make the Ukalele the state instrument

From: John Paul Karasaki [mailto:konakoi@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:51 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Please make the Ukalele the state instrument

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Deann Kawabata

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Roxanne Kamalu

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"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Thank you
Jaymie-Lyn Kawamoto

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Thank you
Jaymie-Lyn Kawamoto

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele !



From: Ken N [mailto:kansai47@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:53 PM
To: All Senators; All Reps
Subject: Ukulele !

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

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To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele



From: Connie Kent [mailto:cnnkent@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:11 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

*Connie Kent
8 Laupapa Place
Haiku, HI 96708*

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
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To: All Reps
Subject: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Diana leone kihei

Roxanne Kamalu

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To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: ukulele



From: Chihiro Kitagawa [mailto:chihiro@mediaetc.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:13 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: ukulele

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument .

Chihiro Kitagawa
Media Etc.
2222 Kalakaua Ave., Suite #701
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Website: <http://www.mediaetc.net>

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:38 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

LATE

-----Original Message-----

From: Kerry Kiyabu [mailto:gabbynoah@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:58 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

I support both bills as naming the ukulele as the State Instrument. Kerry J Kiyabu, Marlene G Kiyabu and Harry S Kiyabu
5107 Poola StI 96821

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: netknack [mailto:netknack@sonic.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:45 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

From: len kojima [mailto:lenkojima@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:34 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

I support HB2573 and SB3107 honoring the Ukulele as Hawaii's official instrument...

Aloha
Len Kojima

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:56 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

From: hcrkona@aol.com [mailto:hcrkona@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:49 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

We support the bill to make the Ukulele the State musical instrument. Thanks

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:33 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: ³I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument²

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry [mailto:l.koss2012@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:47 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: ³I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument²

³I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument²

Thank you

Lawrence Koss
2547A W. Main St.
Wailuku, HI 96793

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

-----Original Message-----

From: ckukea [mailto:ckukea@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:06 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

I support the ukulele as the official state instrument.
Sent from my iPhone

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Supporting hb 2573 and FB 3107

-----Original Message-----

From: Airi Kurihara [mailto:airi2474@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:44 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Supporting hb 2573 and FB 3107

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Sent from my iPhone

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:45 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107 - Ukulele Official State Instrument

From: Roy Sakuma Studios [mailto:lessons2@roysakuma.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:28 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107 - Ukulele Official State Instrument

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107.

***Thank you,
Royanne Labuguen***

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:14 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele



From: LouLanza@aol.com [mailto:LouLanza@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

*I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's
Official State Instrument*

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:47 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107 - Ukulele Official State Instrument

From: Angie Laprete [mailto:alaprete@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:46 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Fwd: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107 - Ukulele Official State Instrument

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 in honoring the ukulele as the State's instrument!

My son Aidan James is 12 and has been playing the ukulele since he was 4. He has over 20 million views on his youtube channel with fans from all over the world that follow him. He has also performed all over the world at such a young age. Although he doesn't play the ukulele in the traditional manner, he has taken it to a different level - where it's becoming prominent in contemporary, popular music these days!

We should be proud the ukulele being our State instrument!

And, thanks to Roy and Kathy Sakuma for being the reason why our keiki love the instrument so much!

Angela Laprete
Associate Producer
"Hawaii Five-0"
808.535.4905 o
808.478.2600 c
815.331.0974 f
alaprete@aol.com

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 2:13 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107"l



From: Lauren [mailto:waipua2@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:58 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107"l

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107

Sent from my iPhone

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB2573,SB3107

From: Gordon Leong [mailto:alahoku@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:20 PM
To: All Reps; Rep. Linda Ichiyama; Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim; Sen. Glenn Wakai
Subject: HB2573,SB3107

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

Jean Leong 1389 Ala Hoku Pl, Honolulu, HI 96819;

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:24 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support ukulele as official state instrument.

-----Original Message-----

From: LillianYLim [mailto:lillianylim@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:23 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: I support ukulele as official state instrument.

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Sent from my iPad

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:56 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

From: Amber Lin [mailto:amber.j.lin@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:50 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Because actually I thought it already was. Hawaii royalty would agree too.

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele Bills

-----Original Message-----

From: Lily Ling [mailto:lilyling@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:51 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele Bills

My husband and I support HB 2574 and SB 3107 to make the ukulele the State instrument. Thank you for your support.

Roxanne Kamalu

LATE

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:39 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

-----Original Message-----

From: Mariah [mailto:mariahkuai@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:16 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

secret service iPhone

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Hawaii's Official State Instrument

From: Roy Matsuo [mailto:rhmatsoo@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:32 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Dear Sir,

As a former ukulele student, I strongly support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Thank you very much!

Roy Matsuo

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:15 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 & SB 3107



-----Original Message-----

From: Janice McEwan [mailto:jmcewan@pixi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:02 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 & SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Sent from my iPad

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:32 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele



-----Original Message-----

From: Dennis [mailto:omnitable@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:30 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

Please pass the bill to make the ukulele Hawaii's official instrument. Mahalo

Dennis Mckenna
PO BOX 190585
Hawi HI. 96719
808-333-0939

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: UKULELE

From: Meade, Susan M [mailto:susan.meade@hp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:48 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: UKULELE

YES, I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Susan Meade

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:32 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB2573 & SB3107

From: Shannon Merle [mailto:merlesr@cableone.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:41 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB2573 & SB3107

I support HB2573 & SB3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's official musical instrument.

Thank you.
Shannon Merle

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:19 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW:

From: Douglas Miller [mailto:dotndoug@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:01 PM
To: All Reps
Subject:

ALOH,

I support HB 2573 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

**Douglas L Miller
639 Pili Loko St
Paia, HI 96779**

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: UKULELE

-----Original Message-----

From: Constance [mailto:cmfreedom2009@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:23 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: UKULELE

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's official State instrument!!

Thank you, Constance Mitchell

Sent from my iPhone

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:39 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 SB3107

From: Linda Mitchell [mailto:lindafinearts@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:13 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 SB3107

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

Linda Mitchell

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:15 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: UKULELE Or Bust!!!



From: mitsuni@aol.com [mailto:mitsuni@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:59 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: UKULELE Or Bust!!!

It has to be the UKE, no other instrument even comes to mind whne you think of Hawaii

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:14 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

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From: Maryanne Moe [mailto:mairsmoe@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

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Maryanne Moe
www.lilinoehandbags.com
lilinoehandbags@hawaii.rr.com
mairsmoe@hawaii.rr.com

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:17 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Moore Bettah Ukuleles [mailto:moorebettahukes@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:11 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107

Aloha,

Please pass HB 2573 and SB 3107 making the ukulele Hawaii's official state instrument. As a builder of ukuleles in Hawaii for over 20 years I appreciate it.

Mahalo & Aloha,

Chuck Moore
Moore Bettah Ukuleles
PO Box 1386
Pahoa, Hawaii 96778

<http://www.moorebettahukes.com>

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:18 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele state instrument

-----Original Message-----

From: Chas [mailto:chasmoran@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:13 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele state instrument

I support bills making the ukulele the state instrument of Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:23 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele Support!

From: EmilyGlen Morash [mailto:egmorash@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:20 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele Support!

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:18 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukuleles for Hawaii



From: Molly Mullikin [mailto:molly.mullikin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:15 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Ukuleles for Hawaii

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument".Maholo, Molly Blaisdell Mullikin

*Study Nature, Love Nature, It will never fail you
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele



From: Gary Nakanishi [mailto:garykn@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:06 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

Gary Nakanishi

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:58 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

From: GaryNelson [mailto:gwn090471@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:53 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Donna Nelson

Sent from my iPhone

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:24 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele



-----Original Message-----

From: Dottie Nykaza [mailto:minidottie@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:21 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Dottie Nykaza

Sent from my iPad

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: uke



-----Original Message-----

From: sergeles@cruzio.com [mailto:sergeles@cruzio.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:45 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: uke

I support the bill honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's treasure. Thank you,

Serge Pond

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:57 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107



From: Sherri Rigg [mailto:srigg@rphawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:47 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107

**Aloha House and Senate Committee Members - I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.
The ukulele truly is synonymous as the instrument of Hawaii.**

Thank you, Sherri Rigg

Sherri Rigg
RIGG COMMunications
E: srigg@rphawaii.com
C: 808-782-5180

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:41 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Robyn [mailto:rofujimoto@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107, honoring the ukulele as the official state instrument

Sent from my iPhone

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:58 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Hawaii's Official State Instrument

From: Elena and Matt Rubio [mailto:da3rubios@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:54 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Hawaii's Official State Instrument

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument"

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Elena Rubio

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:13 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

From: String Along [mailto:stringalong@cogeco.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:54 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

We support the ukulele as Hawaii's official instrument.

How could you possibly consider something else?

Lara Ruplen and Erin Ruplen

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Our opinion

From: The Ruplens [mailto:nruplen@cogeco.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:51 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Our opinion

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

Norm and Elayne Ruplen

String Along Ukulele

Dundas Ontario Canada

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:19 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele Support



From: Kat Ryan [mailto:kryanmv@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:18 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele Support

Dear Representatives,

This is an aha idea! I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Mahalo,

Kat & Derry Ryan
kryanmv@aol.com
www.HawaiiResortRentals.com

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:09 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele bill

From: Mark Saito [mailto:mark@hanawellness.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:54 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele bill

To whom it may concern,

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107" .

ALOHA!

HE HAWAII'IAU

Mark Saito, Jr.
808-722-3618

LATE

March 11, 2014

To: Hawaii State Senators and Hawaii State Representatives
Fr: Cheryl Tamura, Ukulele Festival Hawaii
Re: Ukulele Bill HB2573, SB 3107

I am honored to be a board member of Ukulele Festival Hawaii, an organization that is dedicated to “bringing laughter, love and hope to children and adults in Hawaii and around the world through the music of the ukulele.” And therefore I am wholeheartedly supporting the bills in favor of the ukulele becoming Hawaii’s official state instrument.

The ukulele’s predecessor, the *braguinha*, was introduced to Hawaii in 1879 with the arrival of Portuguese workers who came to toil in the sugar cane fields. Hawaii’s merry monarch, King David Kalakaua, was among the first to promote the ukulele. By the early 1900s, the ukulele was the most popular instrument in Hawaii and became even more popular by the beachboys on Waikiki Beach.

Today, the ukulele has become an important part of Hawaiian culture and the beautiful music that emanates is a symbol of aloha and hospitality. The four-stringed instrument has captured the imagination of people young and old not only in Hawaii, but also all over the world. The recognition of the ukulele goes beyond the instrument itself. It also pays tribute to our 50th State’s talented, world-class ukulele musicians and instrument makers, past and present. For all these reasons and more, it makes perfect sense for the ukulele to become Hawaii’s official state instrument.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha,

Cheryl Tamura
Vice-President/Secretary
Ukulele Festival Hawaii Board of Directors
Cell: 808-754-7614

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:45 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 & SB 3107



From: Amy Sawamura [mailto:amysawamura@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:24 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: I support HB 2573 & SB 3107

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amy Sawamura <amysawamura@hawaiiantel.net>
Date: March 11, 2014 at 12:18:00 PM HST
To: "allreps@capitol.hawaii.gov" <allreps@capitol.hawaii.gov>, "allsens@capitol.hawaii.gov" <allsens@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: I support HB 2573 & SB 3107

I support HB 2573 & SB 3107

Sincerely,
Amy Sawamura

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: state instrument

From: MAUREEN SCHAEFFER [mailto:maureen96821@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:25 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: state instrument

Dear Representatives,

Just want you to know that my family all support HB 2573 and SB 3107 which designates the UKULELE as our state instrument. What other instrument is so beloved in the islands and is so widely associated with Hawaii?

Mahalo and Aloha,

Maureen Schaeffer



LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:09 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Hawaii state instrument

From: mefromthesea [mailto:mefromthesea@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:56 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Hawaii state instrument

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Official State Instruments.

From: 関口和之 [mailto:PXI12363@nifty.ne.jp]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:28 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Official State Instruments.

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawai`i's Official State Instruments.

Kazuyuki Sekiguchi

LATE

Roxanne Kamalu

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:12 PM
To: vmitestimony
Cc: dean@HawaiiGoesFishing.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB3107 on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM

SB3107

Submitted on: 3/11/2014

Testimony for VMI on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Sensui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There are no other instruments quite like the ukulele which has gained immediate international recognition as being uniquely Hawaiian. I wholeheartedly support this bill.

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:39 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Uke



-----Original Message-----

From: Terry Shelton [mailto:terry.shelton1@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:19 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Uke

I support the uke as Hawaii official instrument. Terry Shelton

Sent from my iPhone

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:55 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

From: Jennifer Shimoko [mailto:jshimoko@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:49 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument!!!

Thank you...

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 12:47 AM
To: vmitestimony
Cc: Kawaihapai@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB3107 on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM

SB3107

Submitted on: 3/12/2014

Testimony for VMI on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas T Shirai Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Takai and Cmte Mbrs, I am Thomas T Shirai Jr and I oppose SB 3107 SD1 because the Steel Guitar (Kika Kila) which was invented by a Hawaiian named Joseph Kekuku of Hauula who attended Kamehameha School. He was an ambassador of the steel guitar who toured extensively throughout the United States and Europe sharing Hawaiian music and that's how it became part of Country Western and other music around the world He was also inducted into the Hawaiian Musid Hall of Fame. Although the ukulele and steel guitar achieved worldwide recognition, its befitting that the Hawaii State Instrument should be an instrument invented by a Hawaiian. the steel guitar is a rare art form unlike the ukulele which is popularized mostly. Mahalo. Thomas T Shirai Jr Mokule'ia, Waialua

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:13 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW:



From: kuuiipo simmons [mailto:kuuiposimmons@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:56 PM
To: All Reps
Subject:

*I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's
Official State Instrument"*

Mahalo,

Proud Supporter

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:14 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support 'UKULELE HB2573 and SB3107



From: BJ Soriano [mailto:bjSORIANO57@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Support 'UKULELE HB2573 and SB3107

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the 'ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument”

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Please vote yes in support!

**Mahalo,
BJ Soriano
'Ukulele Instructor
BJ's 'Ukulele Halau and
County of Hawaii, Culture & Arts Division**

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:37 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele Hawaii's Official Instrument

-----Original Message-----

From: cksouza@aol.com [mailto:cksouza@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:56 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele Hawaii's Official Instrument

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official Instrument.

Candy Souza

Sent from my iPad

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele State instrument

From: Teri Stewart [mailto:terileas@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:50 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele State instrument

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Teri Stewart

Kailua-Kona, Hi

Sent from my iPhone

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:09 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele please

-----Original Message-----

From: Orcpr [mailto:stibolt@stanfordalumni.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:02 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele please

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Tom Stibolt

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:33 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

From: C Stonehouse [mailto:alohar@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:42 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Sincerely,
Carol Stonehouse

Yesterday is history,
Tomorrow is a mystery,
Today is a gift,
That is why it's called Present!

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:34 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Suokko [mailto:lsuokko@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:48 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

I support the legislation honoring the ukulele as the State of Hawaii's official instrument!

Sent from my iPhone

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:13 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele



From: Norman Takeya [mailto:ntt815@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:55 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Ukulele

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

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Aloha,
Norman

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:38 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument"

-----Original Message-----

From: Marnie Tamaki [mailto:marnie.tamaki@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:11 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument"

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March 11, 2014

To: Hawaii State Representatives
Fr: Cheryl Tamura, Ukulele Festival Hawaii

Re: Ukulele Bill SB 3107

I am honored to be a board member of Ukulele Festival Hawaii, an organization that is dedicated to “bringing laughter, love and hope to children and adults in Hawaii and around the world through the music of the ukulele.” And therefore I am wholeheartedly supporting the bills in favor of the ukulele becoming Hawaii’s official state instrument.

The ukulele’s predecessor, the *braguinha*, was introduced to Hawaii in 1879 with the arrival of Portuguese workers who came to toil in the sugar cane fields. Hawaii’s merry monarch, King David Kalakaua, was among the first to promote the ukulele. By the early 1900s, the ukulele was the most popular instrument in Hawaii and became even more popular by the beachboys on Waikiki Beach.

Today, the ukulele has become an important part of Hawaiian culture and the beautiful music that emanates is a symbol of aloha and hospitality. The four-stringed instrument has captured the imagination of people young and old not only in Hawaii, but also all over the world. The recognition of the ukulele goes beyond the instrument itself. It also pays tribute to our 50th State’s talented, world-class ukulele musicians and instrument makers, past and present. For all these reasons and more, it makes perfect sense for the ukulele to become Hawaii’s official state instrument.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha,

Cheryl Tamura
Vice-President/Secretary
Ukulele Festival Hawaii Board of Directors
Cell: 808-754-7614

Roxanne Kamalu

LATE

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:37 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 & SB 3107

From: Robyn Taniguchi [mailto:rkift@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:57 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 & SB 3107

To whom it may concern,

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Thank you,

Robyn Taniguchi

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:55 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

From: Rod Tateyama [mailto:rod.tateyama@halekulani.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:47 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Thank you.



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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:24 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107



-----Original Message-----

From: Terri [mailto:taasato@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:23 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:18 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 & HB 3107

-----Original Message-----

From: hithornhills [mailto:hithornhills@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:14 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 & HB 3107

I support HB 2573 & HB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's official state instrument.
Thank you,
Natalie Thornhill

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:18 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 & HB 3107

-----Original Message-----

From: perrythornhill [mailto:perrythornhill@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:18 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 & HB 3107

I support HB 2573 & HB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's official state instrument.
Thank you,
Perry Thornhill

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573

-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Tiner [mailto:ptiner@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:27 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573

I am 75 years old, have played the ukulele my whole life and now excitedly and enthusiastically support House Bill 2573 honoring the UKULELE as Hawaii's Official State Instrument!

Most respectfully,

Patricia Aqui Tiner

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:56 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573

From: Robert DeVinck [mailto:devinck@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:49 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument” .

Mahalo,

Robert DeVinck
3950 Kalai Waa St., #B202
Wailea, HI 96753
425-445-1600
devinck@me.com

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:45 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Hawaii state instrument

From: Janet Volchok [mailto:volchokjanet@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:44 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Hawaii state instrument

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

Sent from my iPad

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:15 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

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From: Jeff Wagner [mailto:jwagnerj@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:00 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: "I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:35 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HAWAII'S OFFICIAL STATE INSTRUMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Brenda Walker [mailto:brendawalker@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:49 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HAWAII'S OFFICIAL STATE INSTRUMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

i support HB 2573 and SB3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

Mahalo,

Brenda H. Walker

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:35 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573

From: Pat Watanabe [mailto:watanabep005@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:51 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573

“We support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

Pat and Steve Watanabe

45-634 Nawahine Loop

Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:57 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Lyne [mailto:lynawat@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:52 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument

Respectfully submitted,

Lyne Watanabe

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:17 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573

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From: DKWeeks@aol.com [mailto:DKWeeks@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:09 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Debbie (Curtis) Weeks
Wahiawa, HI

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:55 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107

From: Natalie Werts [mailto:nwerts@fhb.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 3:47 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: I support HB 2573 and SB 3107

Hi,
I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's official state instrument!

Thank You,

Natalie Werts

Assistant Vice President & Sales Manager
Sales, Service & Training Division
MLO #543141
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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:08 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: The Ukulele is Hawaii!

From: spats@spatswhite.com [mailto:spats@spatswhite.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:53 PM
To: All Reps
Cc: roysakuma@roysakuma.pmailus.com
Subject: The Ukulele is Hawaii!

I support HB2573 and SB3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's official instrument!

Spats White

www.spatswhite.com

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:16 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB2573 SB3107



From: debbi Williams [mailto:djdwill@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:06 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB2573 SB3107

“I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii’s Official State Instrument” .

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:32 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele



From: cysunnyhunny [mailto:cysunnyhunny@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:33 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

As a citizen of Hawaii I support the House bill proclaiming the ukulele as the official State instrument.

Cyrus H. Wilson
Hilo

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:38 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukulele



-----Original Message-----

From: HOWARD R WONG [mailto:wonghowie@shaw.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:09 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukulele

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

Howard Wong

Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:38 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107



From: Laraine Yasui [mailto:lariyasui@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:07 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107

*I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.
Aloha,
Lari Yasui
Dist. 35, Prec 2*

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:33 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Ukelele

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda York [mailto:lindateri@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 4:46 PM
To: All Reps
Subject: Ukelele

I support the Hawaii State instrument to be the Ukelele !

Sent from my iPhone

Roxanne Kamalu

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From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:45 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107 - Ukulele Official State Instrument

From: Wendy Yoshioka [mailto:wendyyosh@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:16 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: Fwd: Support HB 2573 and SB 3107 - Ukulele Official State Instrument

I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument.

We thank and applaud our government officials for recognizing this beloved instrument of Hawaii.

The ukulele is synonymous with Hawaii. The ukulele embraces everyone who hears it - young or old, kamaaina or malihini, musician or simply music lover. That's the irresistible magic and joy of the ukulele. Today there is a worldwide ukulele explosion. It is predicated that the production of ukulele instruments in China will far surpass production of guitars to meet the international demand of the ukulele. It's wonderful and a dream come true that the world is fast discovering Hawaii's beloved instrument and what perfect timing to announce to the world that the ukulele is Hawaii's official State instrument!

Thank you and Aloha,

Wendy Yoshioka

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: Roxanne Kamalu on behalf of Rep. Ken Ito
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:40 PM
To: vmitestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2573 and SB 3107 - Support

-----Original Message-----

From: Ey@ht [mailto:eugeneyoung@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:28 PM
To: All Reps; All Senators
Subject: HB 2573 and SB 3107 - Support

"I support HB 2573 and SB 3107 honoring the ukulele as Hawaii's Official State Instrument" .

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Roxanne Kamalu

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 2:44 PM
To: vmitestimony
Cc: gtallisonyoung@bigpond.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for SB3107 on Mar 12, 2014 08:30AM

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Submitted on: 3/11/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grant Allison-Young	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am an Australian who visits Hawai'i every year, and I have done so with my family since 2004. I play many musical instruments, including the 'ukulele and steel guitar. On many of my visits, I have studied the steel guitar under the tutelage of Alan Akaka, a world renowned master of the instrument. My testimony is to remind the Hawai'ian Legislature that the steel guitar is the sound of Hawai'i. Ask anyone in the world what they are reminded of when they hear that first slide and vibrato - it is of coconut trees, beaches, white sand and, well, Hawai'i. For me the 'ukulele is a fine instrument, but it is used widely in non- Hawai'ian music as well. The Steel Guitar is the true, authentic sound of the Islands. Aloha and Mahalo Grant Allison-Young

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