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S.B. NO. 3107

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE INSTRUMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has
2 sixteen adopted, designated, and established official symbols.
3 From the state motto: "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono", to
4 Kalo, the state plant, these symbols are representative of all
5 things unique to Hawaii.

6 The legislature finds that throughout the history of
7 Hawaii, music has played an integral part in the lives of its
8 people. The first recorded sighting of a ukulele can be traced
9 back to 1886, when Honolulu newspaper editor Augustus Marques
10 discussed it in an article on music in Hawaii. The ukulele was
11 originally from Portugal, but it was popularized by Hawaiian
12 royalty, plantation workers, and musicians. The word "ukulele"
13 is translated from Hawaiian in two parts: "uke", meaning to
14 strike and "lele", meaning to jump. The legislature finds that
15 the popularity of ukulele music continues to grow throughout our
16 islands, the mainland, and beyond.

17 The legislature finds that the State has struggled recently
18 with budget cuts to deserving programs. Among the losses are



1 reductions in funding from the department of education for music
2 and art education. Kindy Sproat, a renowned falsetto singer and
3 musician, may have said it best, "One ukulele and one soul can
4 do a lot".

5 The legislature finds that the beautiful sound of the
6 ukulele has inspired generations of musicians and fans, and has
7 often kindled camaraderie during impromptu jam sessions. In
8 recognition of talented ukulele instructors and musicians past,
9 present and future throughout these islands and the world, the
10 legislature honors this truly amazing musical instrument and its
11 history in Hawaii by establishing the ukulele as the official
12 state instrument.

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
14 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
15 read as follows:

16 "§5- State instrument. The ukulele is established and
17 designated as the official instrument of the State."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

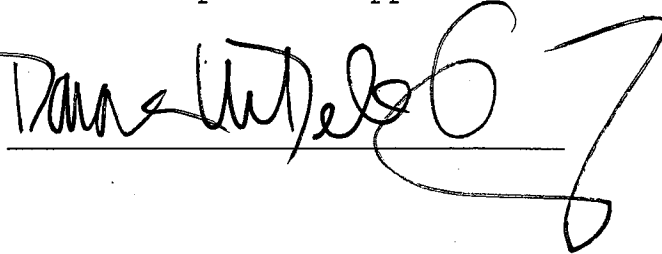


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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Official State Instrument; Ukulele

Description:

Establishes and designates the ukulele as the official state instrument.

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