
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MUSIC ACCESSIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established the music
2 accessibility pilot program within the Hawaii state public
3 library system. Under the pilot program, the Hawaii state
4 public library system shall expand access to public concerts and
5 musical education throughout the State, ensuring that residents
6 in the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui have access to public
7 concerts and musical education; support local musicians and
8 cultural collaboration; and encourage the commission of new
9 works that reflect Hawaii's unique heritage. The Hawaii state
10 public library system may collaborate with the Hawaii Symphony
11 Orchestra and other organizations to implement the pilot
12 program.

13 (b) The Hawaii state public library system shall submit
14 the following reports to the legislature:

15 (1) A progress report on the music accessibility pilot
16 program no later than twenty days prior to the
17 convening of the regular session of 2027; and



1 (2) A final report of findings and recommendations,
2 including a recommendation as to whether the pilot
3 program should be extended, modified, or discontinued,
4 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the regular session of 2028.

6 (c) The music accessibility pilot program shall cease to
7 exist on June 30, 2028.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the
11 music accessibility pilot program, including for costs
12 associated with travel expenses and payment to musicians for
13 public concerts; provided that this appropriation shall not
14 lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the
15 appropriation is made; provided further that all moneys from the
16 appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, shall lapse as
17 of that date.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii state
19 public library system for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.
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Report Title:

Music Accessibility Pilot Program; Hawaii State Public Library System; Hawaii Symphony Orchestra; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Music Accessibility Pilot Program within the Hawaii State Public Library System to expand access to public concerts and musical education throughout the State. Appropriates funds.

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