

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3245**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 3 0 2026**

RE: H.B. No. 1815  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1815, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to explicitly apply existing grant standards to Performing Arts Grants Program grants under the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, HULI PAC, Hawai'i Arts Alliance, Hawai'i Youth Symphony, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing statutory language for grants awarded by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts does not expressly extend grant standards to the Performing Arts Grants Program. This measure will improve accountability and uphold the fair awarding of Performing Arts Grants by explicitly providing that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts apply consistent oversight across all of their programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 13, 2085, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1815, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1815, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land,  
Culture and the Arts,



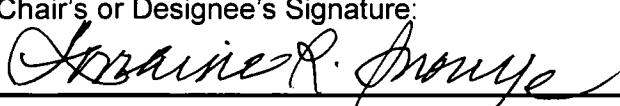
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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts**  
**WLA**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1815 HD1	WLA, WAM	3-16-2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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