

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3650**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1860
H.D. 2
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1860, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support performing arts in the State.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Designates the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra as the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra;
- (2) Exempts the receipt of state funds by the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra from the provisions of chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Authorizes the Comptroller and Auditor to examine the use of state funds appropriated to the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra; and
- (4) Requires the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra to submit annual reports to the Legislature.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from ABC Stores, Servco Pacific Inc., Retail Merchants of Hawaii, Tau Dance Theater, Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra, Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association, Hawaii Youth Symphony, and numerous individuals.

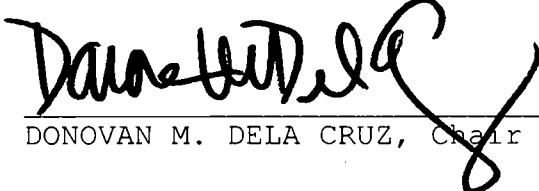
Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra provides significant public benefits through its performances, including artistic and cultural education for students and enjoyment by the community. Your Committee further finds that designating the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra as the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra will enable the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra to regularly obtain state funds to help defer its general operating costs in exchange for certain services to the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1860, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

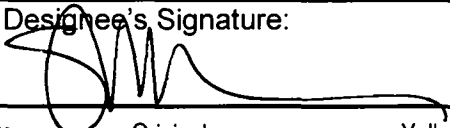
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1860, HDZ, SDI	WLA, WAM	4/6/2026		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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