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# 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 designated a state song, state flower, state tree, state marine  
3 mammal, and a state fish. However, there is no state musical  
4 instrument, despite the fact that the people of this State,  
5 particularly the native Hawaiians, have used and continue to use  
6 a variety of musical instruments for entertainment. Designation  
7 of an official state musical instrument would serve as an  
8 expression of appreciation for the significance of music in the  
9 Hawaiian culture.

10           The legislature further finds that in November 2014 about  
11 130,000 Hawai'i students participated in WeVoteHawaii, a mock  
12 vote for students from kindergarten to the twelfth grade. The  
13 kids voted not only on candidates, but also on issues such as  
14 the official 'auana, or modern, and kahiko, or traditional,  
15 instruments for the State. The majority agreed that the pahu  
16 should become the official kahiko instrument of the State and



1 the 'ukulele should become the official 'auana instrument of the  
2 State.

3 The purpose of this Act is to designate the official 'auana  
4 and kahiko musical instruments of the State in accordance with  
5 the results of the November 2014 WeVoteHawaii election in an  
6 effort to enthusiastically support Hawai'i's keiki in voting and  
7 the democratic process.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended  
9 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
10 read as follows:

11 "§5- State musical instrument; 'auana; kahiko. (a) The  
12 'ukulele is established and designated as the official 'auana  
13 musical instrument of the State.

14 (b) The pahu is established and designated as the official  
15 kahiko musical instrument of the State."

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

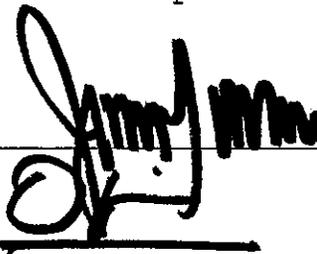
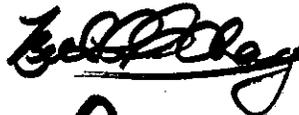
17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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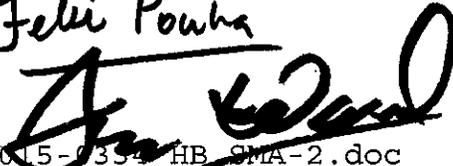


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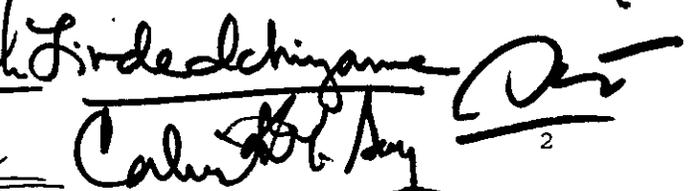
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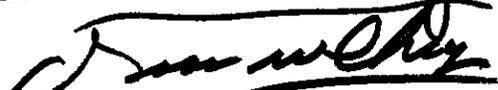
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# H.B. NO. 1275

**Report Title:**

Official 'Auana State Musical Instrument; Official Kahiko State Musical Instrument; Designation

**Description:**

Establishes and designates the 'ukulele as the official 'auana musical instrument of the State. Establishes and designates the pahu as the official kahiko musical instrument of the State.

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