

Aloha,

My name is David Pang, a senior at 'Iolani School and participant in the We Vote Hawaii program. I support the decision to make the pahu the official kahiko instrument of the State and the 'ukulele the official 'auana instrument of the State. Both instruments have become synonymous with Hawaiian culture and are easily recognizable and enjoyable to hear. I remember my time playing the 'ukulele and the connection I felt with the spirit of Hawaii. Also, the We Vote Hawaii program is an excellent way for students across the State to advocate their views. It is important for students like me to have opinions and to have those opinions recognized. Recognition empowers young people and encourages them to continue political activism and to be good citizens of society.

Mahalo,

David

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Kathleen Tanaka	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Voting in Hawaii is slowly becoming an extinct act among our citizenry. If we want to encourage the future generation on the power of one individual's vote, I don't know of anything more powerful for our young people than the passage of this bill recognizing the ukulele and pahu as two of our state's musical instrument. WeVoteHawaii offered all the students in Hawaii the opportunity to vote for this issue and having it become a reality will provide students the arena to realize that their vote does count and that they can make a difference.

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Kendrick Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I'm currently a senior at Kaiser High School and testifying in support of the bill. I would like the committee to make a note that during last year's elections, We Vote Hawaii, previously Kids Vote Hawaii, placed a ballot question in its mock election for students in all grade levels, asking for their opinion on the state's instrument. The results clearly signify that students in Hawaii supports having the Ukulele as the official 'auana instrument and the Pahu drum as the official kahiko instrument. A total of 83,241 students or 80% voted for the Ukulele as the 'auana instrument. For the Pahu drum, 33,923 students or 33% voted for the instrument as the kahiko instrument, beating out four other instruments on the ballot. A total of 110,000 students from all grade levels and all parts of the state participated in We Vote Hawaii's mock election. I hope that you will take the We Vote Hawaii results in heavy consideration and support this bill designating both instruments as an official instrument in the State of Hawaii. Mahalo!

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Cynthia Turse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I'm Cindy Turse, and it's been my pleasure to serve as a member of WeVoteHawaii for the 2014 elections. I support the efforts of the WVH committee, the students, and the teachers of all schools statewide who participated. One of the issues on the 2014 ballot for all students was voting for official state musical instruments. Today, I'm writing to support SB 1363 --- "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." As stated on the WVH Website: WeVoteHawaii is a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization partnering with public, private, charter, and home schools statewide, whose mission is two-fold: to prepare youth for a lifetime of voting, and to encourage adult voter participation. WeVoteHawaii provides K-12 age-appropriate curriculum and classroom activities, which align with the Hawaii State Social Studies Standards, and address the 'civic responsibility' and 'civic character' measurements. High technology combines with civics lessons to inspire youth to explore the General Election candidates and issues, engage in dialogue with their peers and family, and prepare for a lifetime of voting. An affiliate of Kids Voting USA, Kids Voting Hawaii was initiated in 1996, with support of Rotary Clubs statewide.

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