



GOV. MSG. NO. 1106

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

April 9, 2015

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 9, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1275

RELATING TO THE STATE INSTRUMENT
ACT 006 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii

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Approved by the Governor

on APR 9 2015

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 006

H.B. NO. 1275

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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APPROVED this 9 day of APR, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David I. Ige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII