

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

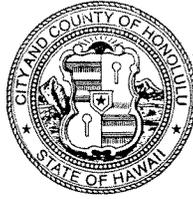
530 SOUTH KING STREET, ROOM 300 • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
TELEPHONE: (808) 523-4141 • FAX: (808) 527-5552 • INTERNET: www.honolulu.gov

RECEIVED

MAR 21 11 33 AM '05

CITY CLERK
HONOLULU, HAWAII

MUFI HANNEMANN
MAYOR



March 17, 2005

The Honorable Charles K. Djou, Chair
Committee on Parks
City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RECEIVED
2005 MAR 18 A 9:55
CITY COUNCIL
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Dear Councilmember Djou:

Subject: Bill 8 (2005) Relating to the Royal Hawaiian Band

Per your request regarding my Administration's position on Bill 8, I am pleased to offer the following comments. I believe the qualifications for all members of the Mayor's cabinet, including the Royal Hawaiian Band bandmaster should be delineated in the City Charter.

Furthermore, the Corporation Counsel has advised that an amendment to the City Charter is required in order to adopt qualifications of a Charter specified department head. Therefore, it would be prudent for the City Council to defer Bill 8 at this time and submit this proposal in the form of a Charter amendment to the 2005-2006 Charter Commission. At the same time, the Charter Commission can also consider a proposal to amend the duties of the bandmaster, to include promotion of the band as a historical link to Hawaii's monarchy and history and to perpetuate Hawaiian music and culture.

With the recent convening of the 2005-2006 Charter Commission, now is the opportune time for submittal of this matter. The Commission would provide a venue for more widespread public participation, debate and comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mufi Hannemann", written over a horizontal line.

MUFI HANNEMANN
Mayor

MH:aa

Message No. 69

PARKS