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Editorial: Good music for good cause

Texans who want to support the musical education of children can do so by buying a CD featuring some of the state's top musicians.

Legislation passed this year by Rep. Elizabeth Ames Jones and Sen. Jeff Wentworth, both San Antonio Republicans, put the official stamp of approval on the Texas Music Project.

The project, which Jones noted is a good example of healthy public and private partnership, will help finance musical education through a dedicated state fund. The Texas Commission on the Arts will award grants to public schools that promote musical education, Jones said.

To raise money, the project has released the first in a series of CDs that will funnel profits into the state fund.

Any fan of Texas music will be happy to have it. Willie Nelson, the honorary chairman of the Texas Music Project, is among the artists donating a song to the "Don't Mess With Texas Music" CD.

Other generous musicians who have donated their talents include Erykah Badu, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown and Lucinda Williams. Starbucks and other retail outlets are selling the CD.

Enjoying good music while providing needed funds for students is a great way to help Texas.

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