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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MUSEUM OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC AND DANCE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the economic  
2 viability of Hawaii's tourism is heavily dependent upon the  
3 Hawaiian culture. The culture of the indigenous people is  
4 unique and of critical importance in differentiating Hawaii from  
5 other visitor destinations. Tourism promotions, particularly  
6 through media such as music and dance, have relied upon Hawaiian  
7 culture as the number one marketing tool and as the foundation  
8 for perpetuating the spirit of aloha that is vital to the  
9 economic success of the industry. The National Academy of  
10 Recording Arts and Sciences has recently added the new category  
11 of best Hawaiian Music Album to the prestigious Grammy Awards,  
12 thereby creating new audiences for Hawaiian music around the  
13 world.

14           The legislature further finds that the history of Hawaiian  
15 music and dance demonstrates a proud statement of cultural  
16 identity. A compilation of collective works and related  
17 memorabilia of exceptional individuals who are highly regarded  
18 in their respective fields of endeavor will act to preserve and



1 perpetuate the Hawaiian culture as well as to promote  
2 appreciation for these art forms for present and future  
3 generations.

4       The purpose of this Act is to establish a museum of  
5 Hawaiian music and dance committee to determine the appropriate  
6 type of institution that should be established, its location,  
7 and possible financing mechanisms, and to complete an initial  
8 business plan for the museum of Hawaiian music and dance.

9       SECTION 2. (a) There is established a museum of Hawaiian  
10 music and dance committee which shall consist of eleven members  
11 and shall include:

12       (1) The executive director of the Hawaii tourism  
13 authority, or the director's designated  
14 representative; and

15       (2) A representative from:

16           (A) The state foundation on culture and the arts;

17           (B) The office of Hawaiian affairs;

18           (C) Kamehameha Schools; and

19           (D) Bishop Museum;

20       (3) Three members of the committee appointed by the  
21 president of the senate; provided that the three  
22 members appointed by the president of the senate shall



1 include at least two practitioners or former  
2 practitioners of the arts of Hawaiian music and dance,  
3 and at least one member of the Hawaiian Academy of  
4 Recording Artists or a kumu hula; and

5 (4) Three members appointed by the speaker of the house of  
6 representatives; provided that the three members  
7 appointed by the speaker of the house of  
8 representatives shall include at least two  
9 practitioners or former practitioners of the arts of  
10 Hawaiian music and dance, and at least one member of  
11 the Hawaiian Academy of Recording Artists or a kumu  
12 hula.

13 (b) The committee shall be chaired by the executive  
14 director of the Hawaii state foundation on culture and the arts,  
15 or the executive director's designated representative; provided  
16 that costs of the administrative support for the committee shall  
17 be shared equally by the Hawaii tourism authority, the Hawaii  
18 state foundation on culture and the arts, and the office of  
19 Hawaiian affairs.

20 (c) The committee shall investigate and determine:

21 (1) The type of institution that would be appropriate for  
22 a museum of Hawaiian dance and music;



1 (2) The best location or locations for this museum or  
2 museums; and

3 (3) Possible financing mechanisms for these facilities.

4 The committee shall also complete an initial business plan  
5 for the museum of Hawaiian dance and music.

6 (d) The committee shall cease to exist on June 30, 2007.

7 SECTION 3. The committee shall submit a report of findings  
8 and recommendations to the legislature no later than twenty days  
9 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2007.

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

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# SB. NO. 2968

**Report Title:**

Museum of Hawaiian Music and Dance; Committee; Culture and Arts

**Description:**

Establishes the museum of Hawaiian music and dance committee to determine the appropriate type of institution that should be established, its location, possible financing mechanisms, and to complete an initial business plan for the museum of Hawaiian music and dance.

