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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A COMMISSION TO CELEBRATE 2008 AS THE YEAR OF THE  
FAMILY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the success of a  
2 society depends largely upon the strength and vitality of its  
3 families. In all cultures, and in all ages, a strong family  
4 unit has been the foundation of great societies. Family is  
5 especially important in Hawaii, because of the richly diverse  
6 ethnic and cultural backgrounds of its people.

7           The legislature further finds that a celebration to honor  
8 the importance of the family and to sustain and nurture family  
9 life is appropriate. To this end, the legislature designates  
10 the year 2008 as the year of the family.

11           The purpose of this Act is to establish a temporary year of  
12 the family celebration commission and to provide for the  
13 celebration of 2008 as the year of the family.

14           SECTION 2. There is established a temporary commission to  
15 be known as the year of the family celebration 2008 commission,  
16 which shall be responsible for all arrangements for the  
17 commemoration of 2008 as the year of the family in Hawaii. The



1 commission shall be placed within the office of the governor for  
2 administrative purposes and shall cease to operate after  
3 June 30, 2009.

4 SECTION 3. The commission shall consist of fifteen members  
5 to be appointed by the governor without regard to section 26-34,  
6 Hawaii Revised Statutes. Four of the members shall be  
7 representatives for the four counties and the remaining members  
8 shall represent government, labor, business, and the community  
9 at large. The governor shall designate the chair of the  
10 commission from among the appointed members. The members shall  
11 not receive compensation for their services but shall be  
12 reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel expenses,  
13 incurred in the performance of their duties under this Act.

14 SECTION 4. The commission shall prepare an overall program  
15 to celebrate the year of the family, recognizing the importance  
16 of the family unit in the development of the State, and  
17 encouraging and fostering strong family relationships to assist  
18 families in dealing with the problems that threaten family unity  
19 and stability, such as drug or alcohol abuse or gang membership.  
20 The commission shall develop, plan, and coordinate the various  
21 program activities that are to be scheduled throughout the year  
22 of the celebration and shall encourage the participation of all



1 segments of the State's population. The commission shall  
2 consider any related plans and programs developed by interested  
3 private and public organizations or agencies from whose members  
4 the commission may designate special committees to plan,  
5 develop, and coordinate specific projects or activities.  
6 The commission shall submit to the governor a comprehensive  
7 report for the year of the family that shall include, but not be  
8 limited to:

- 9 (1) The production, publication, and distribution of  
10 books, films, and other educational materials on the  
11 importance of the family in Hawaii;
- 12 (2) Conferences, convocations, lectures, and seminars; and
- 13 (3) Ceremonies, theatrical productions, and other special  
14 events commemorating the year of the family.

15 SECTION 5. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the  
16 commission shall consult, cooperate with, and seek advice from  
17 appropriate organizations or agencies.

18 SECTION 6. There is created a trust fund to be known as  
19 the year of the family celebration trust fund that shall consist  
20 of payments made to the trust fund as provided in this Act and  
21 from all other sources. All moneys received by the commission  
22 shall be deposited by the state director of finance into the



1 trust fund and expended by the commission for the purposes of  
2 this Act. Disbursement of those moneys shall be by state  
3 warrants issued in accordance with applicable laws and rules and  
4 shall be based on vouchers signed by the chair of the  
5 commission.

6 The commission may seek grants from public and private  
7 sources and may accept donations to finance the project,  
8 programs, and activities of the year of the family celebration.

9 All property acquired by the commission shall be deposited  
10 for preservation in the state library system, museums, and  
11 public archives or shall otherwise be disposed of as directed by  
12 the commission.

13 SECTION 7. At the end of its term, the commission shall  
14 submit to the governor a final report of all of its activities,  
15 including an accounting of all moneys received and disbursed.

16 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000, or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to be  
19 deposited in the trust fund for the year of the family  
20 celebration 2008 commission to be used for the purposes of this  
21 Act and in accordance with chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the governor for  
2 the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon approval;  
4 provided that section 8 shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

**Report Title:**

2008 Year of the Family Celebration; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the year of the family celebration 2008 commission.  
Appropriates funds for the commission's operating expenses.  
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