
A BILL FOR AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF HAWAII STATEHOOD.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to create a
2 commission composed of members from a wide range of Hawaii's
3 communities to plan and coordinate the public celebration of the
4 fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood in the
5 United States of America.

6 The legislature finds and declares that the appropriation
7 under this Act is in the public interest and would benefit the
8 residents of Hawaii.

9 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a temporary
10 commission to be known as the fiftieth anniversary of statehood
11 commission consisting of sixteen members who shall be appointed
12 by the governor, without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes.

14 (b) The commission shall be placed within the office of
15 the governor for administrative purposes and shall cease to
16 exist after December 31, 2009.



1 (c) The commission shall be composed of the following
2 members:

3 (1) Two members to be selected by the president of the
4 senate;

5 (2) Two members to be selected by the speaker of the house
6 of representatives;

7 (3) Two members to be selected by the governor, at least
8 one of whom shall represent labor;

9 (4) One member to represent each county, to be selected by
10 the respective mayors;

11 (5) One member to represent the office of Hawaiian
12 affairs, to be selected by that organization;

13 (6) One member to represent the Hawaii tourism authority,
14 to be selected by that organization;

15 (7) One member to represent the state foundation on
16 culture and the arts, to be selected by that
17 organization; and

18 (8) One member to represent the military, to be selected
19 by the commander-in-chief Pacific.

20 Every member shall have some knowledge about the history and
21 culture of Hawaii, and experience in event planning and in
22 developing community partnerships.



1 SECTION 3. The commission shall develop, plan, and
2 coordinate various program activities to be scheduled to
3 celebrate and commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the
4 admission of Hawaii to statehood, including a series of events
5 scheduled for August 2009, and shall submit to the legislature,
6 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
7 session of 2009, a written report of its recommendations,
8 including the following:

- 9 (1) A detailed plan on how to execute its recommendations;
10 and
11 (2) Identifying and recommending procedures for the
12 appropriate disbursement of any public funds.

13 SECTION 4. Consistent with section 2 of this Act, the
14 commission shall be thus composed:

- 15 (1) The chair of the commission shall be selected by the
16 commission members. Members of the commission may
17 elect any subordinate officers as the commission deems
18 appropriate among the members but, at minimum, shall
19 elect a vice-chair, vice-chair for finance, and vice-
20 chair for events;
21 (2) All members of the commission serve at the pleasure of
22 the governor; and



1 (3) Commission members shall serve on a voluntary basis
2 without compensation, but shall be entitled to
3 reimbursement for necessary travel expenses for
4 attending commission meetings and while in the
5 discharge of their duties and responsibilities under
6 this Act.

7 SECTION 5. A two-thirds majority of commission members
8 shall constitute quorum to do business and to validate any
9 decision or act of the commission. The commission's meeting
10 schedule shall be determined by the commission members.

11 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2007-2008, to be
14 used by the commission for the purposes of this Act.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
16 governor.

17 SECTION 7. Any provision of this Act to the contrary
18 notwithstanding, the appropriation authorized under this Act
19 shall not lapse of the end of the fiscal year for which the
20 appropriation is made; provided that any unexpended and
21 unencumbered balance of the appropriation made in this Act as of
22 the close of business on December 31, 2009, shall lapse.



1 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that section 6 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Hawaii Statehood; 50th Anniversary; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a commission to plan and coordinate the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood. Makes appropriation. (SD1)

