
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON THE YEAR 2050.

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

1 SECTION 1. During the 1970s, the legislature created a
2 commission on the year 2000 to assess Hawaii's future. Governor
3 Burns stated that "[i]t is the thinking of many of us that a
4 serious effort should be made to assess Hawaii's future
5 economic, political, cultural, social systems and to identify
6 the objectives that are desired and the action programs
7 necessary to reach those objectives".

8 The purpose of the commission on the year 2000 was:

- 9 (1) To study, and promote a general awareness of, the
10 impact of technology and social change on Hawaii;
11 (2) To assess the future of Hawaii and identify desired
12 state economic, political, cultural, social, and
13 environmental goals;
14 (3) To recommend legislative and administrative actions to
15 achieve these goals;
16 (4) To assist and coordinate activities of groups
17 concerned with the Hawaii's future; and



1 (5) To report to the legislature recommendations as to the
2 continuing responsibility and role that the State
3 should assume in preparing for Hawaii's future and as
4 to organization and administrative arrangements that
5 should be provided for in law and otherwise.

6 The commission held conferences and workshops, sponsored
7 speakers, and wrote reports on futurist activities. It is the
8 purpose of this Act to carry this assessment of Hawaii's future
9 into the twenty-first century by creating a commission on the
10 year 2050 for the same purposes that the commission on the year
11 2000 was created.

12 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
13 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
14 as follows:

15 "CHAPTER

16 COMMISSION ON THE YEAR 2050

17 § -1 **Commission established.** There is established
18 within the department of business, economic development, and
19 tourism for administrative purposes a commission on the year
20 2050 composed of nine members to be appointed and removed by the
21 governor pursuant to section 26-34. The governor shall appoint
22 the chairperson of the commission from among its members. The



1 members of the commission shall serve without compensation but
2 shall be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses.
3 The commission, with the consent of the governor and not subject
4 to chapters 76 and 89, may appoint a program director and any
5 other staff that may be necessary for the purposes of this
6 chapter. The department of business, economic development, and
7 tourism and the University of Hawaii shall render any assistance
8 and research services that the commission may require.

9 § -2 **Duties.** The commission shall:

- 10 (1) Study the effects and changes produced by scientific
11 and technological achievements and social changes with
12 respect to the economic, political, cultural, and
13 social systems and the environment of the State of
14 Hawaii and the world;
- 15 (2) Assess the future of Hawaii, including identification
16 of the economic, political, cultural, social, and
17 environmental goals of the State;
- 18 (3) Devise and recommend legislative and administrative
19 action for the accomplishment of the State's economic,
20 political, cultural, social, and environmental goals;
- 21 (4) Assist and coordinate the plans, programs, and
22 activities of individuals, associations, corporations,



1 and agencies, whether public or private, concerned
2 with the future of Hawaii;

3 (5) Stimulate and promote an awareness of scientific,
4 technological, and social system changes and their
5 effects on Hawaii's economic, political, cultural, and
6 social systems and environment;

7 (6) Through its chairperson, administer funds allocated to
8 the commission and accept, disburse, and allocate
9 funds that may become available from other
10 governmental and private sources; provided that all
11 such funds shall be disbursed or allocated in
12 compliance with any specific designation stated by the
13 donor. In the absence of any designation, those funds
14 shall be disbursed or allocated for the promotion and
15 furtherance of the purpose of this chapter; and

16 (7) Submit an annual report with recommendations to the
17 governor and legislature prior to January 1 of each
18 year. The second annual report shall include
19 recommendations regarding the continuing
20 responsibility and role that the State should assume
21 in preparing for Hawaii's future and organization and



1 administrative arrangements that are required in law
2 and otherwise."

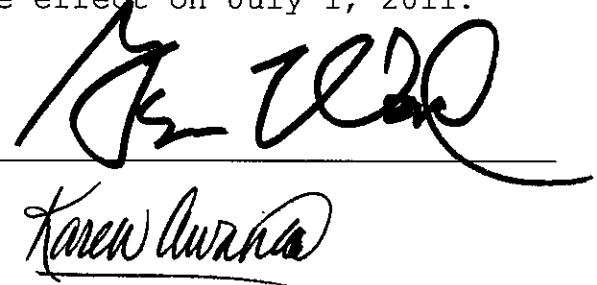
3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2012-2013 to carry out the purpose of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
9 department of business, economic development, and tourism for
10 the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY:


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Report Title:

Commission on the year 2050

Description:

Creates a commission on the year 2050 within the department of business, economic development, and tourism to study the impact of technology and social change on Hawaii in the future.

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