
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OVERTHROW OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani and the
2 imposition of the Republic of Hawaii happened contrary to the
3 will of many in the native Hawaiian community. Mass protest
4 rallies by native Hawaiians occurred prior to United States
5 annexation of the Hawaiian islands. The legislature finds that
6 *Hui Hawaii Aloha Aina* and *Hui Hawaii Aloha Aina o Na Wahine* were
7 organizations that protested the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani
8 and worked to prevent annexation through a mass petition drive
9 directed at the United States government to demonstrate that the
10 majority of native Hawaiians opposed annexation. Between
11 September 11 and October 2, 1897, the two organizations
12 collected petition signatures on each of the five principal
13 islands of Hawaii. The petition, *Petition Against Annexation*,
14 written in both the Hawaiian and English languages, was signed
15 by 21,269 native Hawaiian people, which represented more than
16 half of the thirty-nine thousand native Hawaiians and mixed-
17 blood persons reported by the Hawaiian commission census for the
18 same year. The petition is filed in the Records of the United



1 States Senate, Record Group 46, at the National Archives and
2 Records Administration.

3 The legislature finds that the acts of courage and will of
4 native Hawaiians who petitioned against annexation should be
5 commemorated in a permanent public memorial located on a single
6 site.

7 The purpose of this Act is to establish a commission whose
8 function is to recognize and commemorate the more than twenty
9 thousand native Hawaiians who signed the Petition Against
10 Annexation.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
12 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
13 read as follows:

14 "§10- Petition against annexation memorial commission.

15 (a) There is established the petition against annexation
16 memorial commission that shall be placed within the office of
17 Hawaiian affairs for administrative purposes and as provided in
18 section 26-35. The commission shall consist of nine members
19 appointed by the governor, of which three shall be selected from
20 a list of persons nominated by the speaker of the house of
21 representatives, three shall be selected from a list of persons
22 nominated by the senate president, one shall be a member of the



1 board of trustees of the office of Hawaiian affairs, and two
2 shall be selected by the governor. Members appointed pursuant
3 to this section shall be exempt from the requirements of section
4 26-34.

5 (b) The term of members of the commission shall be for
6 four years, to commence on September 1 and to expire on August
7 31; provided that the governor may reduce the terms of those
8 initially appointed so as to provide, as nearly as can be, for
9 the expiration of an equal number of terms at intervals of two
10 years. No member of the commission shall be appointed to more
11 than two consecutive terms or serve as a member of the
12 commission for more than eight consecutive years. The
13 commission shall elect a chairperson from among its members.

14 (c) Any member appointed pursuant to this section whose
15 term has expired and who is not disqualified for membership
16 under subsection (b) may continue in office as a holdover member
17 until a successor is appointed; provided that a holdover member
18 shall not hold office beyond the end of the second regular
19 legislative session following the expiration of the member's
20 term of office.

21 (d) A vacancy in a membership authorized by this section
22 shall not impair the authority of the remaining members to



1 exercise all the powers of the commission and shall be filled
2 for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as
3 the original appointment.

4 (e) The governor may remove or suspend for cause any
5 member appointed pursuant to this section after due notice and
6 public hearing.

7 (f) The members of the commission shall serve without
8 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel
9 and necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in
10 discharge of their duties.

11 (g) The commission shall establish criteria for:

12 (1) Selecting a site on the grounds of Iolani Palace to
13 memorialize and remember the significant acts of
14 courage of those who opposed annexation by signing the
15 petition against annexation;

16 (2) Soliciting and contracting for plans, design, and
17 construction on the selected site of a memorial wall
18 that shall bear the names of those who signed the
19 petition against annexation; and

20 (3) The oversight and maintenance of the site.

21 (h) The commission shall submit a report to the
22 legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of



1 each regular session on its progress in soliciting and
2 contracting for plans, design, and construction of a memorial
3 wall, located on the grounds of Iolani Palace, bearing the names
4 of the persons who signed the petition against annexation; and
5 continuing repair and maintenance of the site.

6 (i) For purposes of this section, "commission" means the
7 petition against annexation memorial commission."

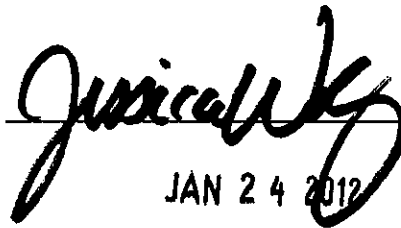
8 SECTION 3. Funding for the operations of the petition
9 against annexation memorial commission shall be provided by the
10 office of Hawaiian affairs.

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Petition Against Annexation Memorial Commission; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a commission within the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to recognize and commemorate the native Hawaiians who signed the Petition Against Annexation. Specifies that funding for the operations of the petition against annexation memorial commission shall be provided by the office of Hawaiian affairs. Effective July 1, 2012.

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