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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING A BID TO THE COUNCIL OF PACIFIC ARTS AND CULTURE FOR  
HAWAII TO HOST THE 2020 FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS.

1           WHEREAS, the Festival of Pacific Arts (Festival) is a  
2 traveling event hosted every four years by a different nation in  
3 Oceania; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Festival was conceived by the Secretariat of  
6 the Pacific Community, formerly the South Pacific Commission, to  
7 promote traditional practices through an event that allows  
8 nations in Oceania to showcase, share, and exchange their  
9 indigenous cultures; and  
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11           WHEREAS, participating nations honor their living treasures  
12 with the opportunity to represent their cultures to Festival  
13 participants, visitors, and tourists from around the world; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Festival began in 1972, with Fiji having the  
16 honor of hosting the first event, followed by New Zealand in  
17 1976, Papua New Guinea in 1980, Tahiti in 1985, Australia in  
18 1988, the Cook Islands in 1992, Samoa in 1996, New Caledonia in  
19 2000, Palau in 2004, American Samoa in 2008, and the Solomon  
20 Islands in 2012, and will be held in Guam in 2016; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture selects  
23 the host country based on the principles of equitable  
24 opportunity, by rotating the Festival among nations that have  
25 never hosted; and  
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27           WHEREAS, Hawaii has participated in every Festival but has  
28 never hosted; and  
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30           WHEREAS, Hawaii is an excellent venue to host the Festival,  
31 with ample capacity, sizeable populations of residents from  
32 nations in Oceania, a large tourist market, and experience  
33 hosting cultural events; and



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 2 WHEREAS, while there are costs involved in hosting the  
 3 Festival and past Festivals have allowed free admission, this  
 4 event can draw both tourist and local visitors to the Festival  
 5 venue and its supporting accommodations, which could give the  
 6 State an economic boost; and

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 8 WHEREAS, the Hawaii delegate to the Council of Pacific Arts  
 9 and Culture must present an intent to submit a full and formal  
 10 bid to host the Festival to the Council by May 27, 2014; now,  
 11 therefore,

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 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
 14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the  
 15 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports a  
 16 bid to the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture for Hawaii to  
 17 host the 2020 Festival of Pacific Arts; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an exploratory committee be  
 20 formed, made up of the Hawaii delegate to the Council of Pacific  
 21 Arts and Culture, as well as representatives from:

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 23 (1) The Office of the Governor;  
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 25 (2) The Hawaii Tourism Authority;  
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 27 (3) The Office of Hawaiian Affairs;  
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 29 (4) The Hawaii Council of Mayors; and  
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 31 (5) Any other entity or organization that is critical to  
 32 the success of a bid proposal and implementation of a  
 33 bid proposal to host the Festival; and

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 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exploratory committee  
 36 convene no later than when feasible with the express purpose of  
 37 submitting a bid proposal to the Council of Pacific Arts and  
 38 Culture to host the 2020 Festival of Pacific Arts; and

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 40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 41 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President  
 42 and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority,  
 43 Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs,



1 Chairperson of the Hawaii County of Mayors, and Council of  
2 Pacific Arts and Culture.

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