
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PLAN AND COORDINATE THE CELEBRATION
OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST
ARRIVAL OF JAPANESE EMIGRANTS TO HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the first Japanese emigrants to Hawaii, one
2 hundred forty-seven men and six women from Yokohama, arrived at
3 Honolulu harbor aboard the vessel *Scioto* on June 20, 1868, after
4 a thirty-three-day voyage under Captain Reagan; and
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6 WHEREAS, these first emigrants were recruited by Eugene M.
7 Van Reed, Consul of Hawaii in Yokohama, through employment
8 agents in the Keihin area to work mainly as laborers on sugar
9 cane fields, and later came to be called the *gannen mono*,
10 meaning "first year men," to describe the first year of Meiji
11 era arrivals; and
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13 WHEREAS, persons of Japanese ancestry and the Japanese
14 community as a whole have subsequently made significant and
15 distinguished contributions to all facets of the rich
16 multicultural history of the Hawaiian Islands and the United
17 States of America; and
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19 WHEREAS, June 20, 2018, will mark the one hundred fiftieth
20 anniversary of the first arrival of Japanese emigrants to
21 Hawaii; and
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23 WHEREAS, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts was
24 established by the Legislature in 1965 with a mission to
25 promote, perpetuate, preserve, and encourage culture and the
26 arts, history, and the humanities as central tenets contributing
27 to the quality of life of the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2017, that there is established, within the State Foundation
32 on Culture and the Arts, a task force to plan and coordinate the
33 celebration of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the first
34 arrival of Japanese emigrants to Hawaii; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members be
2 selected as follows:

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- 4 (1) Three members to be selected by the President of the
5 Senate, provided that at least one member is a member
6 of the Senate;
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 - 8 (2) Three members to be selected by the Speaker of the
9 House of Representatives, provided that at least one
10 member is a member of the House of Representatives;
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 - 12 (3) Five members to be selected by the Governor; and
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 - 14 (4) The Executive Director of the State Foundation on
15 Culture and the Arts, or the Executive Director's
16 designee, who shall serve as an ex officio member; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force select a
19 chairperson from among its members; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a vacancy on the task force be
22 filled by the same selection authority that appointed the
23 vacating member; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eight members of the task force
26 constitute a quorum; provided that an affirmative vote of six
27 members is necessary for decision-making; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force meeting schedule
30 be determined by the members; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force develop, plan,
33 and coordinate various program activities to celebrate and
34 commemorate the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the first
35 arrival of Japanese emigrants to Hawaii, including a series of
36 events from January 1, 2018, through September 4, 2018; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit a report
39 of its proposed activities, plans, and recommendations,
40 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
41 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
42 of 2018; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report to the Legislature include:

- (1) Events the task force has planned and executed prior to the submission of the report;
- (2) A detailed plan on how the task force will implement its remaining recommendations; and
- (3) The identification and recommendation of procedures for the appropriate disbursement of any public funds related to the task force's work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force not be considered state employees for the purposes of chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, due solely to their service on the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force dissolve on June 19, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

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