
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the festival of
2 pacific arts has been held approximately every four years since
3 its founding in 1972, bringing together a delegation of at least
4 two thousand five hundred artists, performers, and cultural
5 practitioners from different nations in Oceania to preserve and
6 perpetuate the arts and culture of their indigenous peoples.
7 The festival of pacific arts is the largest gathering in which
8 Pacific peoples unite to respect and appreciate one another, and
9 during the festival, delegations from twenty-seven Pacific
10 island nations and territories share and exchange their
11 cultures. Visitors from around the world come to the festival
12 of pacific arts to appreciate what the artists, performers,
13 cultural practitioners, and host country have to offer, thereby
14 creating a global market for art, ideas, and products.

15 The legislature further finds that the first festival of
16 pacific arts was held in Fiji in 1972, followed by New Zealand
17 in 1976, Papua New Guinea in 1980, French Polynesia in 1985,
18 Australia in 1988, the Cook Islands in 1992, Samoa in 1996, New



1 Caledonia in 2000, Palau in 2004, American Samoa in 2008,
2 Solomon Islands in 2012, and Guam in 2016. Hawai'i has finally
3 been selected to host the thirteenth festival of pacific arts in
4 2020, since Hawai'i delegations have attended every festival
5 since 1976.

6 The purpose of this Act is to create a temporary commission
7 on the thirteenth festival of pacific arts to plan for the
8 historic event to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27,
9 2020.

10 SECTION 2. (a) For purposes of this Act, the term
11 "commission" means the temporary commission on the thirteenth
12 festival of pacific arts.

13 (b) The commission shall be placed within the department
14 of business, economic development, and tourism for
15 administrative purposes.

16 (c) The commission shall be composed of the following
17 members:

- 18 (1) The governor or the governor's designee;
19 (2) The president of the senate or the president's
20 designee;



- 1 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives or the
- 2 speaker's designee;
- 3 (4) The director of business, economic development, and
- 4 tourism or the director's designee;
- 5 (5) The president and chief executive officer of the
- 6 Hawaii tourism authority or the president's designee;
- 7 (6) The chief executive officer of the office of Hawaiian
- 8 affairs;
- 9 (7) The mayor of the city and county of Honolulu or the
- 10 mayor's designee;
- 11 (8) The executive director of the PA'I Foundation, who
- 12 shall serve as chairperson of the commission;
- 13 (9) Two members who shall be selected by the chairperson
- 14 on the basis of their interests and knowledge in, and
- 15 ability to make contributions to, the work of the
- 16 commission; and
- 17 (10) No more than three additional members who shall be
- 18 selected by the chairperson to facilitate the work of
- 19 the commission.
- 20 (d) The chairperson of the commission shall be solely
- 21 responsible for making all arrangements for the festival of



1 pacific arts, including appointing committees and delegating
2 duties to the committees.

3 (e) The members of the commission shall serve without
4 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
5 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

6 SECTION 3. The commission:

7 (1) Shall serve as the coordinating agency for all state-
8 sponsored and other celebration events staged during
9 the celebration period as designated by the
10 chairperson to assure activities planned are timely
11 and appropriate to commemorate the thirteenth festival
12 of pacific arts;

13 (2) Shall solicit funding from private and public sources,
14 including Pua Ali'i 'Ilima or the PA'I Foundation, for
15 purposes of paragraph (1);

16 (3) May accept appropriations from the State, counties,
17 foreign governments, intergovernmental agencies, and
18 non-governmental agencies for purposes of paragraph
19 (1); and

20 (4) May accept donations of money and personal property
21 from private and public sources; provided that all



1 such donations are recorded and appropriately
2 accounted for.

3 SECTION 4. The commission shall cease to exist on June 30,
4 2021.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Festival of Pacific Arts; Temporary Commission

Description:

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