
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,



1 Australia in 1988, the Cook Islands in 1992, Samoa in 1996, New
2 Caledonia in 2000, Palau in 2004, American Samoa in 2008,
3 Solomon Islands in 2012, and Guam in 2016. Hawai'i has finally
4 been selected to host the thirteenth festival of pacific arts in
5 2020, since Hawai'i delegations have attended every festival
6 since 1976.

7 The purpose of this Act is to create a temporary commission
8 on the thirteenth festival of pacific arts to plan for the
9 historic event to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27,
10 2020.

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

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

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

19 (1) The governor or the governor's designee;

20 (2) The president of the senate or the president's
21 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; and
- 11 (8) A member of the community with experience in cultural
- 12 and international festivals, to be selected by the
- 13 Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

14 (d) The commission shall select one of its members to

15 serve as chairperson.

16 (e) The members of the commission shall serve without

17 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including

18 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

19 SECTION 3. The commission:

- 20 (1) Shall serve as the coordinating agency for all state-
- 21 sponsored and other celebration events staged during



1 the celebration period as designated by the
2 chairperson to assure activities planned are timely
3 and appropriate to commemorate the thirteenth festival
4 of pacific arts;

5 (2) Shall solicit funding from private and public sources
6 for purposes of paragraph (1);

7 (3) May accept appropriations from the State, counties,
8 foreign governments, intergovernmental agencies, and
9 non-governmental agencies for purposes of paragraph
10 (1);

11 (4) May accept donations of money and personal property
12 from private and public sources; provided that all
13 such donations are recorded and appropriately
14 accounted for; and

15 (5) Shall submit a report of its activities for the
16 preceding year to the legislature no later than twenty
17 days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of
18 2018, 2019, and 2020.

19 SECTION 4. The commission shall cease to exist on June 30,
20 2021.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2018-2019 for the commission to plan for the festival of
6 pacific arts to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27,
7 2020.

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

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on April 20, 2041.



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Report Title:

Festival of Pacific Arts; Temporary Commission; Appropriation

Description:

Creates and appropriates money to a temporary commission on the thirteenth festival of pacific arts to plan for the historic event to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020. Effective 4/20/2041. (SD2)

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