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Dear Senator English,

We are writing in support of Senate Bill 545 to create a temporary commission for the thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts to plan for the historic event to be held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020.

On behalf of the Maui Arts & Cultural Center, we are extremely proud that Hawai'i has been chosen as the site of the 2020 Festival of Pacific Arts. It is a great honor to host the island nations of the Pacific. One of the MACC's main objectives is to provide access to and support of Hawai'i artists and cultural practitioners, while reflecting and maintaining our Hawaiian values. We believe that the culture of Hawai'i is vital to our identity, as it is to the state.

We understand that there is great work ahead in planning an event of the magnitude of the Festival of Pacific Arts, and know that forming a commission is a necessary beginning. In 2005, Maui Arts & Cultural Center was the host site of Ka 'Aha Hula o Hālaulaola, the world hula conference. This experience gave us, as an organization, a insight and hands on experience in being the gathering place, and the centralized location, from which each day's activities started and ended. The work of the organizing committee was critical in planning, coordinating and arranging multiple facets of the operation to function smoothly.

We respectfully urge you to consider support for SB545 and look forward to it gaining support from the rest of the State Senate.

Me ka mahalo nui,

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Marvin Kaleo Manuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair English, and Committee Members, I strongly support SB545 that seeks to establish a temporary commission to help with planning and organizing the Festival of Pacific Arts 2020 in Hawai'i. I had the privilege to attend the Festival of Pacific Arts in American Samoa in 2008 as part of the Hawai'i Delegation. It was an amazing experience to share our culture, traditions, and arts with our Pacific 'ohana, and it will be even more amazing to do that again home here in Hawai'i in 2020. This festival will take a lot of work to plan and organize, so having a commission as described in the proposed bill will be crucial for its success. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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