
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a temporary
2 commission to develop and implement initiatives recognizing and
3 honoring former President Barack Obama, his historic legacy, and
4 his impact on the State, to be placed within the department of
5 business, economic development, and tourism for administrative
6 purposes.

7 (b) The temporary commission shall be composed of the
8 following members:

- 9 (1) The governor or the governor's designee;
10 (2) The president of the senate or the president's
11 designee;
12 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives or the
13 speaker's designee;
14 (4) The director of business, economic development, and
15 tourism or the director's designee;



- 1 (5) The president and chief executive officer of the
2 Hawaii tourism authority or the president and chief
3 executive officer's designee;
- 4 (6) The chief executive officer of the office of Hawaiian
5 affairs or the chief executive officer's designee;
- 6 (7) The president of the University of Hawaii or the
7 president's designee;
- 8 (8) The mayor of the city and county of Honolulu or the
9 mayor's designee; and
- 10 (9) A member of the community preferably with expert
11 knowledge on former President Barack Obama to be
12 appointed by the governor.
- 13 (c) The temporary commission shall select one of its
14 members to serve as chairperson.
- 15 (d) The members of the temporary commission shall serve
16 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
17 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
18 their duties.
- 19 (e) The temporary commission:
- 20 (1) Shall serve as the planning agency for all state-
21 sponsored events and the coordinating agency for all



- 1 state-sponsored and other events for the purpose of
2 honoring former President Barack Obama;
- 3 (2) Shall solicit funding from private and public sources
4 for the purposes of paragraph (1);
- 5 (3) May accept appropriations from the State, counties,
6 foreign governments, intergovernmental agencies, and
7 non-governmental agencies for the purposes of
8 paragraph (1);
- 9 (4) May accept donations of money and personal property
10 from private and public sources; provided that all
11 such donations are recorded and appropriately
12 accounted for; and
- 13 (5) Shall submit a report of its activities and proposed
14 activities, plans, and recommendations, including any
15 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
16 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
17 session of 2020.
- 18 (f) No member shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii
19 Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation
20 as a member of the commission.



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1 (g) Any member of the commission shall be immune from
2 civil liability for any act done in connection with their duties
3 as provided in section 26-35.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

4 (h) The commission shall cease to exist on June 30, 2021.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
9 2020-2021 to support the temporary commission established
10 pursuant to this Act.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
12 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
13 of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
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Report Title:

Former President Barack Obama; Temporary Commission;
Appropriation

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