

JAN 24 2019

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FESTIVAL OF THE 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 and culture has been held approximately every four
3 years since its founding in 1972, bringing together a delegation
4 of at least two thousand five hundred artists, performers, and
5 cultural practitioners from twenty-seven nations in Oceania to
6 preserve, perpetuate, and exchange the arts and cultures of
7 their indigenous peoples. Visitors from around the world attend
8 the festival to appreciate what the artists, performers,
9 cultural practitioners, and host country have to offer, thereby
10 creating a global market for arts, ideas, and products.

11 The legislature further finds that Hawai'i, for the first
12 time, was selected to host the festival of pacific arts in 2020.
13 In preparation, Act 104, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2017 established
14 the temporary commission on the thirteenth festival of pacific
15 arts. The commission will need a significant amount of funds
16 from the public and private sectors to successfully host the
17 festival to be held in Honolulu from June 11 through 27, 2020.



1 The legislature notes that when Guam hosted the festival in
 2 2016, it cost \$24,000,000, but resulted in a twenty-five per
 3 cent increase in visitor arrivals, a \$125,000,000 benefit to the
 4 island's economy, and supported more than one thousand five
 5 hundred jobs.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
 7 commission to plan for the thirteenth festival of pacific arts
 8 in 2020.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much
 11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the
 12 commission to plan for the thirteenth festival of pacific arts
 13 to be held in Honolulu from June 11 through 27, 2020.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 15 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
 16 of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 1493

Report Title:

Commission on the Thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts;
Thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the commission on the thirteenth festival of pacific arts to plan for the thirteenth festival of pacific arts to be held in Honolulu from June 11 through 27, 2020.

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