

ACT 140

H.B. NO. 1352

A Bill for an Act Establishing a Commission to Plan for the Fiftieth Anniversary of Hawaii Statehood.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to create a commission composed of members from a wide range of Hawaii's communities to plan and coordinate the public celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood in the United States of America.

The legislature finds and declares that the appropriation under this Act is in the public interest and would benefit the residents of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. (a) There is established a temporary commission to be known as the fiftieth anniversary of statehood commission consisting of twenty-five members who shall be selected as provided in this Act, without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

(b) The commission shall be placed within the office of the governor for administrative purposes and shall cease to exist after December 31, 2009.

(c) The commission shall be composed of the following members, whose selection shall be without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

- (1) Six members to be selected by the president of the senate;
- (2) Six members to be selected by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (3) Five members to be selected by the governor;

- (4) One member to represent each county, to be selected by the mayor of the respective county;
- (5) One member to represent the office of Hawaiian affairs, to be selected by that organization;
- (6) One member to represent the Hawaii tourism authority, to be selected by that organization;
- (7) One member to represent the state foundation on culture and the arts, to be selected by that organization; and
- (8) One member to represent the military, to be selected by the Commander, United States Pacific Command.

SECTION 3. The commission shall develop, plan, and coordinate various program activities to be scheduled to celebrate and commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Hawaii to statehood, including a series of events scheduled for August 2009, and shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009, a written report of its recommendations, including the following:

- (1) A detailed plan on how to execute its recommendations; and
- (2) Identifying and recommending procedures for the appropriate disbursement of any public funds.

SECTION 4. The chair of the commission shall be selected by the commission members. Members of the commission may elect any subordinate officers that the commission deems appropriate among the members but, at a minimum, shall elect a vice chair, vice chair for finance, and vice chair for events.

SECTION 5. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the same selection authority that appointed the vacating member.

SECTION 6. Commission members shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses, for attending commission meetings and while in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities under this Act.

SECTION 7. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum to do business. An affirmative vote of thirteen members shall be necessary to make decisions. The commission's meeting schedule shall be determined by the commission members.

SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the tourism special fund the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be used by the commission for the purposes of this Act.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii tourism authority for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 9. Any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriation authorized under this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made; provided that any unexpended and unencumbered balance of the appropriation made in this Act as of the close of business on December 31, 2009, shall lapse.

SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 8 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

(Approved June 6, 2007.)