

**ACT 120**

H.B. NO. 2455

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the 2018 Gannenmono Celebration.

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

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. This year marks the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the arrival in Hawaii of the first group of organized Japanese immigrants, known as the gannenmono. The gannenmono, or “first year men”, arrived in Hawaii from Yokohama, Japan, in June 1868. The State should provide adequate and timely funding to celebrate this historic event.

The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the 2018 gannenmono celebration. Funds shall be provided to the Japan-America Society of Hawaii to plan, organize, and implement the celebration.

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**SECTION 3.** There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for celebrations of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the arrival in Hawaii of the first group of organized Japanese immigrants, known as the gannenmono.

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

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 5, 2018.)