
A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

12 In 2016, Hawaii won its bid to host the thirteenth festival
13 of pacific arts. To support Hawaii's winning bid, the
14 legislature enacted Act 104, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, which
15 established a temporary commission to host the thirteenth
16 festival of pacific arts. The legislature additionally enacted
17 Act 142, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, which appropriated funds



1 to the department of business, economic development, and tourism
2 for the commission to plan the festival of pacific arts to be
3 held in Honolulu from June 11 to June 27, 2020. However, the
4 onset of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic
5 cancelled the original festival scheduled for 2020. With the
6 world emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, Hawaii is scheduled
7 to host the thirteenth festival of the pacific arts to be held
8 in Honolulu from June 6 to June 16, 2024.

9 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
10 to the department of business, economic development, and tourism
11 for the commission on the thirteenth festival of pacific arts to
12 plan for the festival of pacific arts.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2024-2025 for commission to plan for the festival of
18 pacific arts to be held in Honolulu from June 6 to June 16,
19 2024.



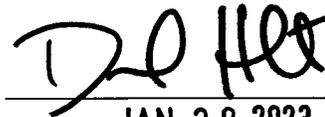
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1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
3 of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

Festival of Pacific Arts; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Commission on the Thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts to plan for the Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Honolulu from June 6 to June 16, 2024.

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