
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:

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

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

9 SECTION 2.(a) There is established a temporary commission
10 to be known as the 50th Anniversary of Statehood commission
11 consisting of fifty-one members who shall be appointed by the
12 governor, without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes.

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

17 (c) The commission's membership shall represent, at

1 minimum, each of the following:

- 2 (1) The four counties;
- 3 (2) Students from each island;
- 4 (3) Each branch of the United States Armed Forces, the
5 United States Coast Guard, and the Hawaii National
6 Guard;
- 7 (4) Academia;
- 8 (5) Labor;
- 9 (6) Center for Native Hawaiian Advancement;
- 10 (7) Office of Hawaiian affairs;
- 11 (8) The faith-based community; and
- 12 (9) Various business groups, chambers of commerce, and
13 public service organizations that reflect the
14 diversity of Hawaii's culture and people.

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

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

5 SECTION 4. Consistent with section 2 of this Act, the
6 commission shall be thus composed:

- 7 (1) The chair of the commission shall be appointed by the
8 governor. Members of the commission may elect any
9 subordinate officers as the commission deems
10 appropriate among the members but, at minimum, shall
11 elect a vice-chair, vice-chair for finance, and vice-
12 chair for events.
- 13 (2) All members of the commission serve at the pleasure of
14 the governor. In the event of a vacancy, the governor
15 may appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.
- 16 (3) Commission members shall serve on a voluntary basis
17 without compensation, but shall be entitled to
18 reimbursement for necessary travel expenses for
19 attending commission meetings and while in the
20 discharge of their duties and responsibilities under
21 this Act.

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1 SECTION 5. A two-thirds majority of commission members
2 shall constitute quorum to do business and to validate any
3 decision or act of the commission. The commission's meeting
4 schedule shall be determined by the commission members.

5 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be
8 used by the commission for the purposes of this Act.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
10 governor.

11 SECTION 7. Any provision of this Act to the contrary
12 notwithstanding, the appropriation authorized under this Act
13 shall not lapse of the end of the fiscal year for which the
14 appropriation is made. The unexpended and unencumbered balance
15 of the appropriation made in this Act as of the close of
16 business on December 31, 2009, shall lapse.

17 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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21 INTRODUCED BY:

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Office of the Governor

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII STATEHOOD.

PURPOSE: To plan and coordinate the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood.

MEANS: The Governor shall appoint a commission representing members from a wide range of Hawaii's communities, including business, unions, media, academia, government, culture and the arts, and community service to plan for and schedule a month-long series of events to take place during August 2009.

JUSTIFICATION: Hawaii has benefited since its admission to the United States of America. The majority of visitors to Hawaii are from the United States of America. Tourism provides the backbone of Hawaii's economy, and statehood fosters tourism. Hawaii has also provided great advantage to the United States of America, with Hawaii's strategic location and gateway to the East. In turn, Hawaii and its people are fortunate to have the rights, privileges, and protections that come with statehood and citizenship.

Hawaii's residents are strongly patriotic, as evidenced by the public response to the September 11th attacks in 2001. Hawaii's residents are proud to be American and public celebrations of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood would bring camaraderie, increased tourism, and enjoyment to visitors and residents alike.

Impact on the public: This bill will raise awareness of Hawaii's role in the United

States of America and the world at large while giving the citizens of Hawaii and visitors opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the privileges of American citizenship.

Impact on the department and other agencies:

Depending on activities planned by the commission, this bill may require coordination from the Department of Accounting and General Services regarding the use of certain State facilities.

GENERAL FUND: \$250,000.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.