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# 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  
10 commission to be known as the fiftieth anniversary of statehood  
11 commission consisting of twenty-five members who shall be  
12 selected as provided in this Act, without regard to section  
13 26-34, Hawaii Revised 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.



1 (c) The commission shall be composed of the following  
2 members, whose selection shall be without regard to section  
3 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

4 (1) Six members to be selected by the president of the  
5 senate, to represent various sectors including  
6 Hawaii's youth, academic community, labor, business,  
7 and cultural groups;

8 (2) Six members to be selected by the speaker of the house  
9 of representatives, to represent various sectors  
10 including labor, business, cultural groups, faith-  
11 based organizations, and youth;

12 (3) Five members to be selected by the governor, including  
13 persons knowledgeable in the history of Hawaii and  
14 Hawaiian culture, event planning, and developing  
15 community partnerships;

16 (4) One member to represent each county, to be selected by  
17 the respective mayor of the county;

18 (5) One member to represent the office of Hawaiian  
19 affairs, to be selected by that organization;

20 (6) One member to represent the Hawaii tourism authority,  
21 to be selected by that organization;



1 (7) One member to represent the state foundation on  
2 culture and the arts, to be selected by that  
3 organization; and

4 (8) One member to represent the military, to be selected  
5 by the Commander, United States Pacific Command.

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

14 (1) A detailed plan on how to execute its recommendations;  
15 and

16 (2) Identifying and recommending procedures for the  
17 appropriate disbursement of any public funds.

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



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

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

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

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

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
17 governor.

18 SECTION 9. Any provision of this Act to the contrary  
19 notwithstanding, the appropriation authorized under this Act  
20 shall not lapse of the end of the fiscal year for which the  
21 appropriation is made; provided that any unexpended and



1 unencumbered balance of the appropriation made in this Act as of  
2 the close of business on December 31, 2009, shall lapse.

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



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H.D. 1  
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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Statehood; 50th Anniversary

**Description:**

Establishes a commission to plan and coordinate the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood (SD2).

