
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.



- 1 (c) The commission's membership shall represent, at
2 minimum, each of the following:
- 3 (1) The four counties;
 - 4 (2) Students from each island;
 - 5 (3) Each branch of the United States Armed Forces, the
6 United States Coast Guard, and the Hawaii National
7 Guard;
 - 8 (4) Academia;
 - 9 (5) Labor;
 - 10 (6) The Center for Native Hawaiian Advancement;
 - 11 (7) The Office of Hawaiian affairs;
 - 12 (8) The faith-based community;
 - 13 (9) Various business groups, chambers of commerce, and
14 public service organizations that reflect the
15 diversity of Hawaii's culture and people;
 - 16 (10) The executive branch of state government;
 - 17 (11) The judicial branch of state government;
 - 18 (12) The state senate; and
 - 19 (13) The state house of representatives.

20 SECTION 3. The commission shall develop, plan, and
21 coordinate various program activities to be scheduled to
22 celebrate and commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the



1 admission of Hawaii to statehood, including a series of events
2 scheduled for August 2009, and shall submit to the legislature,
3 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
4 session of 2008, a written report of its recommendations,
5 including the following:

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

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

- 12 (1) The chair of the commission shall be appointed by the
13 governor. Members of the commission may elect any
14 subordinate officers as the commission deems
15 appropriate among the members but, at minimum, shall
16 elect a vice-chair, vice-chair for finance, and vice-
17 chair for events.
- 18 (2) In the event of a vacancy, the governor may appoint a
19 new member to fill the vacancy.
- 20 (3) Commission members shall serve on a voluntary basis
21 without compensation, but shall be entitled to
22 reimbursement for necessary travel expenses for



1 attending commission meetings and while in the
2 discharge of their duties and responsibilities under
3 this Act.

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

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

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
13 governor.

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

20 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.



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 (HB1352 HD1).

