
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 Act 104, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2017, created the temporary commission on the
3 thirteenth festival of pacific arts to plan the festival of
4 pacific arts originally scheduled to be held in Hawaii in June
5 2020. Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019
6 (COVID-19), the Pacific Community, the international custodian
7 of the festival, notified the State that it is postponing the
8 festival to 2024. Therefore, the temporary commission, which
9 was to cease to exist on June 30, 2021, must be extended to
10 fulfill its duties to plan the thirteenth festival of pacific
11 arts in 2024.

12 The legislature further finds that to ensure a successful
13 festival, the temporary commission members have had to carry-out
14 the responsibilities of planning several components of the
15 festival in a hands-on manner, including fundraising,
16 communicating with the foreign delegations, scheduling of
17 events, organizing volunteers, and securing housing,



1 transportation, meals, security, and medical services. To
2 carry-out and coordinate these responsibilities, occasionally
3 more than a quorum of the commission members must be able to
4 communicate expeditiously and outside of the confines of chapter
5 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. At the same time, the legislature
6 finds that the commission is committed to fulfilling the policy
7 and intent of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including by
8 holding regularly-scheduled open meetings and posting notices
9 and minutes.

10 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 11 (1) Extend the date on which the temporary commission on
12 the thirteenth festival of pacific arts ceases to
13 exist to August 31, 2025; and
- 14 (2) Permit the commission members to discuss matters
15 relating to official board business without regard to
16 part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
17 enable them to perform their duties faithfully.

18 SECTION 2. Act 104, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, is
19 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

20 "SECTION 4. The commission shall cease to exist on
21 [~~June 30, 2021.~~] August 31, 2025."



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1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
2 members of the temporary commission on the thirteenth festival
3 of pacific arts shall be permitted to discuss matters relating
4 to official board business outside of a properly noticed public
5 meeting without regard to part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, in order to enable board members to perform their
7 duties faithfully.

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Festival of Pacific Arts; Temporary Commission

Description:

Extends the date on which the temporary commission on the thirteenth festival of pacific arts shall cease to exist to August 31, 2025. Permits the commission members to discuss matters relating to official board business without regard to chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to enable them to perform their duties faithfully.

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