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

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



1 enacted Act 142, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, which appropriated  
2 additional funds to the department of business, economic  
3 development, and tourism for the commission to plan the festival  
4 of pacific arts and culture to be held in Honolulu from June 11  
5 to June 27, 2020. However, the onset of the coronavirus disease  
6 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic postponed the original festival  
7 scheduled for 2020 to 2024. In light of the postponed festival,  
8 Act 103, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, was enacted to extend the  
9 sunset date of the temporary commission to August 31, 2025, and  
10 permit less than a quorum of commission members to discuss  
11 matters relating to official board business outside a commission  
12 meeting as a permitted interaction under the Sunshine Law. With  
13 the world emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, Hawaii is  
14 scheduled to host the thirteenth festival of the pacific arts  
15 and culture to be held in Honolulu from June 6 to June 16, 2024.

16 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds,  
17 with certain conditions, to the department of business, economic  
18 development, and tourism for the commission on the thirteenth  
19 festival of pacific arts and culture to plan for the festival of  
20 pacific arts and culture.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2024-2025 for the commission to plan for the festival of  
6 pacific arts and culture to be held in Honolulu from June 6 to  
7 June 16, 2024; provided that the department of business,  
8 economic development, and tourism shall submit to the  
9 legislature:

10 (1) Prior to the release of the moneys appropriated by  
11 this Act, a report detailing how any state moneys that  
12 were previously appropriated for the festival were  
13 expended; and

14 (2) No later than twenty days prior to each regular  
15 session until the moneys appropriated by this Act are  
16 fully expended or lapse, a report on the commission on  
17 the thirteenth festival of pacific arts and culture's  
18 expenses for the preceding year.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
20 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes  
21 of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DBEDT; Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture; Appropriation;  
Reports

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the commission on the 13th festival of pacific arts and culture to plan for the festival of pacific arts and culture to be held in Honolulu from 6/6/2024 to 6/16/2024. Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to submit, prior to the release of the funds appropriated by this Act, a report detailing how previous state funds that were appropriated for the festival were expended and, no later than twenty days prior to each regular session until the funds appropriated by this Act are fully expended or lapse, a report on the Commission's expenses for the preceding year. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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