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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 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the festival of  
3 pacific arts and culture has been held approximately every four  
4 years since its founding in 1972, bringing together a delegation  
5 of at least two thousand five hundred artists, performers, and  
6 cultural practitioners from different nations in Oceania to  
7 preserve and perpetuate the arts and cultures of their  
8 indigenous peoples. Visitors from around the world attend the  
9 festival of pacific arts and culture to appreciate what the  
10 artists, performers, cultural practitioners from twenty-seven  
11 Pacific island nations, and the host country have to offer,  
12 thereby creating a global market for art, ideas, and products.

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



1 additionally enacted Act 142, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, which  
2 appropriated 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 cancelled the original festival  
7 scheduled for 2020. With the world emerging from the COVID-19  
8 pandemic, Hawaii is scheduled to host the thirteenth festival of  
9 the pacific arts and culture to be held in Honolulu from June 6  
10 to June 16, 2024.

11 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 12 (1) Appropriate funds, with certain conditions, to the  
13 department of business, economic development, and  
14 tourism for the governor to plan and coordinate the  
15 festival of pacific arts and culture;
- 16 (2) Dissolve the temporary commission on the thirteenth  
17 festival of pacific arts; and
- 18 (3) Assign the duties and responsibilities of the  
19 temporary commission on the thirteenth festival of  
20 pacific arts to the governor.

21 PART II



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 for  
 4 the governor to plan for and coordinate the festival of pacific  
 5 arts and culture to be held in Honolulu from June 6 to June 16,  
 6 2024; provided that the department of business, economic  
 7 development, and tourism shall submit to the legislature:

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

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

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

21 PART III



1 SECTION 3. Act 104, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, as  
2 amended by section 2 of Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, is  
3 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

4 "SECTION 4. The commission shall cease to exist on [~~August~~  
5 ~~31, 2025.~~] July 1, 2023."

6 SECTION 4. The governor:

- 7 (1) Shall serve as the planning and coordinating entity  
8 for all state-sponsored and other celebration events  
9 staged from June 6 to June 16, 2024, to assure that  
10 the activities planned are timely and appropriate to  
11 commemorate the thirteenth festival of pacific arts  
12 and culture;
- 13 (2) Shall solicit funding from private and public sources  
14 for the purposes of paragraph (1); provided that all  
15 funding from private or public sources are recorded  
16 and properly accounted;
- 17 (3) May accept appropriations from the State, counties,  
18 foreign governments, intergovernmental agencies, and  
19 non-governmental agencies for the purposes of  
20 paragraph (1); provided that all donations are  
21 recorded and appropriately accounted;



1 (4) May accept donations of money and personal property  
2 from private and public sources; provided that all  
3 donations are recorded and appropriately accounted;  
4 and

5 (5) Shall submit a report of the governor's activities and  
6 proposed activities, plans, and recommendations,  
7 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature  
8 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
9 the regular sessions of 2024 and 2025.

10 SECTION 5. The duties and responsibilities of the governor  
11 pursuant to section 4 of this Act shall cease on August 31,  
12 2025.

13 SECTION 6. All appropriations, records, equipment,  
14 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,  
15 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,  
16 acquired, or held by the temporary commission on the thirteenth  
17 festival of pacific arts relating to the functions transferred  
18 to the governor shall be transferred with the functions to which  
19 they relate.

20 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

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Appropriation; Reports

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the governor to plan and coordinate 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 governor's festival expenses for the preceding year. Dissolves the commission on the 13<sup>th</sup> festival of pacific arts. Assigns to the governor the duties for planning and coordinating all state-sponsored and other celebration events staged for the festival of pacific arts and culture. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)

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