
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. The legislature
17 additionally enacted Act 142, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, which



1 appropriated funds to the department of business, economic
 2 development, and tourism for the commission to plan the festival
 3 of pacific arts and culture to be held in Honolulu from June 11
 4 to June 27, 2020. However, the onset of the coronavirus disease
 5 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic cancelled the original festival
 6 scheduled for 2020. With the world emerging from the COVID-19
 7 pandemic, Hawaii is scheduled to host the thirteenth festival of
 8 the pacific arts and culture to be held in Honolulu from June 6
 9 to June 16, 2024.

10 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds
 11 to the department of business, economic development, and tourism
 12 for the commission on the thirteenth festival of pacific arts
 13 and culture to plan for the festival of pacific arts and
 14 culture.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
 18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 19 year 2024-2025 for commission to plan for the festival of
 20 pacific arts and culture to be held in Honolulu from June 6 to
 21 June 16, 2024.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
3 of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Commission on the Thirteenth Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture to plan for the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture to be held in Honolulu from June 6 to June 16, 2024. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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