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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH  
AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURE AND  
ARTS.

1           WHEREAS, the 13<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture  
2 (FestPAC), hosted by Hawaii for the first time in its fifty-two-  
3 year history in June 2024 attracted more than five hundred  
4 thousand visitors and over two thousand two hundred delegates  
5 from more than twenty-five island nations; and

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7           WHEREAS, events like FestPAC promote trans-Pacific  
8 cooperation and help preserve the strong cultural heritages of  
9 Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia; and

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11           WHEREAS, providing annual dedicated opportunities to learn  
12 about and experience the varied cultures and traditions that  
13 make up the Pacific region will foster the bonds among these  
14 peoples and allow for further understanding, cooperation, and  
15 appreciation; now, therefore,

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17           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
19 of 2025, that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, in  
20 consultation with other agencies, is urged to establish an  
21 annual festival in Hawaii that celebrates the culture and arts  
22 of the Pacific region; and

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24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the  
26 Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Mayor of the  
27 City and County of Honolulu, Executive Director of the Honolulu  
28 Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, and all members of the  
29 Honolulu City Council.

