

A Bill for an Act Relating to an International Marine Exposition in Hawaii.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Findings and declaration. The legislature hereby finds and declares that: (1) the report "Hawaii and The Sea" recommends that an international marine exposition be held in the State of Hawaii; (2) an international marine exposition would serve to inform, on a first hand basis, members of private industry, government officials from various nations, and others of the marine assets of the State of Hawaii; (3) the legislature appropriated \$30,000 by way of Act 137, Session Laws of Hawaii, 1970, for the investigation and preliminary planning of an international marine exposition for Hawaii; (4) the preliminary investigation has been completed and indicates that such an exposition is feasible, provided proper planning is initiated and federal and local support (both financial and moral) is secured; (5) the potential economic, scientific and environmental benefits of a successful international marine exposition are many; (6) Hawaii has an obligation to celebrate its own bicentennial. Such celebration should most appropriately follow the American Bicentennial by featuring Hawaii's new horizons and challenges and their impact on the nation and on the nations of the Pacific. One of the subsidiary themes of the American Bicentennial, that of many races and creeds contributing to the growth of a great nation, is particularly appropriate to Hawaii and shall result in national focus on Hawaii in 1976, which will have carryover to 1978; (7) considerable conceptual development for a marine exposition has already taken place; (8) space and concept choices must be made for the exposition and its siting prior to the end of calendar year 1972; (9) a bicentennial marine exposition commission should be appointed to begin planning as soon as feasible in 1972; (10) subsequently and as a result of the efforts of the commission, an independent non-profit corporation should be formed, and this corporation working closely with the commission should complete overall planning and development of the bicentennial marine exposition so that compliance with federal international exposition regulations and Bureau of International Exposition regulations may be accomplished.

SECTION 2. Creation of bicentennial international exposition commission. There is established a commission to be known as the Hawaii bicentennial international marine exposition commission which shall have charge of all arrangements for the holding of an international marine exposition in the State of Hawaii, to coincide with the bicentennial commemoration of the discovery of Hawaii by Captain James Cook. The commission shall be placed within the office of the governor. It shall not continue beyond December 31, 1979.

SECTION 3. Membership, compensation. The commission shall consist of eleven members who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate as provided by Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Four of the members shall be selected from each of the counties, including the City and County of Honolulu, three shall be selected at large.

The director of transportation, the director of planning and economic development, the chairman of the board of land and natural resources, and the marine affairs coordinator shall be ex officio members of the commission. The members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses in the performance of their duty.

SECTION 4. Powers and duties. The commission shall:

- (1) Make a detailed study to implement the holding of a proposed international marine exposition in the State of Hawaii in the latter half of 1977, or the first half of 1978, and in either event encompassing January, 1978.
- (2) Choose an exposition site or sites and concept prior to the end of calendar year 1972.
- (3) Formulate and submit to the governor plans for an independent non-profit corporation which will assist the commission in the planning and development of the international marine exposition.
- (4) Coordinate and direct the planning and promotion of the international marine exposition.
- (5) Insure compliance with the Federal international exposition regulations and Bureau of International Exposition regulations.
- (6) Direct and coordinate events during the international marine exposition in 1977 and 1978.

SECTION 5. Annual reports. The commission shall submit to the legislature by February 1 of each year a report of all activities, including an accounting of all property and money received and disbursed.

SECTION 6. Employees. The commission may engage employees necessary to perform its duties, including administrative personnel and an executive secretary of the commission who shall serve as its administrative head.

SECTION 7. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved May 26, 1972.)