

ACT 226

H.B. NO. 638

A Bill for an Act Relating to an Okinawan Celebration Commission.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that since the arrival of the first Okinawans in Hawaii in January, 1900, the Okinawan people have contributed significantly to all phases of Hawaii's development. The rich culture and proud heritage of the Okinawan people have been and continue to be positive influences upon life in Hawaii, and the recognition and celebration of the important contributions of the Okinawan people and their culture are important to the need to be cognizant of the diversity of the people of Hawaii. The year 1980 will mark the eightieth anniversary of the arrival of the Okinawan people in Hawaii, and a celebration to commemorate their arrival and subsequent achievements in Hawaii is appropriate. The purpose of this Act is to

provide for the celebration of the eightieth anniversary of the Okinawan people in Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The governor shall appoint a temporary commission for the celebration of the eightieth anniversary of the Okinawan people in Hawaii, to include representatives from each county, labor, business, government, and from the community, to plan and coordinate an appropriate celebration of the eightieth anniversary of the arrival of the Okinawan people in Hawaii, their illustrious participation in the development of the State of Hawaii, and the culture and heritage of the Okinawan people. The commission shall be administratively within the office of the governor, which shall assist and provide such support services as may be necessary to achieve the intent of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 26, 1979.)