

ACT 271

H.B. NO. 547

A Bill for an Act Relating to Culture and the Arts.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that since the arrival of the first Filipino immigrants to Hawaii in December 1906, the Filipino people have made many significant contributions to the well-being and development of the State. The strong traditions of perseverance and hard work, and the rich culture and proud heritage of the Filipinos have been, and continue to be, positive influences upon Hawaii's unique lifestyle and people. It is appropriate to recognize the invaluable contributions and rich history of the Filipino people in 1991, on the celebrated occasion of the eighty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipino people in Hawaii.

The purpose of this Act is to establish an executive committee to recognize and to provide for the celebration of the eighty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipino people in Hawaii.

SECTION 2. Creation of the Filipino celebration executive committee.

There is established a temporary executive committee to be known as the Filipino celebration executive committee, which shall have charge of all arrangements for the commemoration of the eighty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipinos in Hawaii. The executive committee shall be placed within the office of the governor for administrative purposes and shall cease to operate after June 30, 1992.

SECTION 3. Membership; compensation. The executive committee shall consist of fifteen members to be appointed by the governor without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Two members shall be representatives from the state and county governments, and the remaining members shall represent the community at-large. The governor shall designate the chair of the executive committee from among the appointed members. The members shall not receive compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties under this Act.

SECTION 4. Powers and duties. The executive committee shall prepare an overall program to celebrate the eighty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipino people in Hawaii, their significant contributions to the development of this State, their achievements, and their culture and heritage. The executive committee shall develop, plan, and coordinate the various program activities scheduled throughout the year of the celebration and shall encourage the participation of all segments of the Filipino community. The executive committee shall consider any related plans and programs developed by Filipino community organizations and other interested private and public organizations or agencies from whose members the executive committee may designate special committees to plan, develop, and coordinate specific projects or activities.

The executive committee shall submit to the governor a comprehensive report for the eighty-fifth anniversary celebration which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The production, publication, and distribution of books, films, and other educational materials on the life and experiences of Filipinos in Hawaii;
- (2) Conferences, convocations, lectures, and seminars; and
- (3) Ceremonies, theatrical productions, and other special events commemorating the anniversary.

SECTION 5. Cooperation. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the executive committee shall consult, cooperate with, and seek the advice from Filipino community organizations and other appropriate organizations or agencies.

SECTION 6. Trust fund established. There is hereby created a trust fund to be known as the ethnic celebration trust fund which shall consist of payments made to the trust fund as provided in this Act. All moneys received by the executive committee shall be deposited by the director of finance into the trust fund and expended by the executive committee for the purposes of this Act. Disbursement of the moneys shall be by state warrants issued in accordance with applicable laws and rules and shall be based on vouchers signed by the chair of the executive committee.

The executive committee may seek grants from public and private sources and may accept donations to finance the projects, programs, and activities of the eighty-fifth anniversary celebration.

All property acquired by the executive committee shall be deposited for preservation in the state library system, museums, or public archives or shall otherwise be disposed of as directed by the executive committee.

SECTION 7. Final report. At the end of its term, the executive committee shall submit to the governor a final report of all its activities, including an accounting of all moneys received and disbursed.

SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1991-1992, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the governor for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that section 8 of this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1991. This Act shall be repealed on June 30, 1992.

(Approved June 17, 1991.)