

ACT 285

S.B. NO. 2407

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to Mark the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani and to Discuss Issues of Hawaiian Sovereignty.

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

SECTION 1. Queen Liliuokalani, the last monarch of Hawaii, ruled in an era of tumultuous change in Hawaii. The moi wahine of her people, she represented the best of Hawaiian culture and values. When forced to renounce the throne, against her will and by threat of force, she chose to spare her people by refusing to incite her many supporters who would have had to face armed troops arrayed against her. She was imprisoned and then placed under house arrest for many months, a fate which she, a born monarch, endured with dignity.

Even after she was dethroned, this woman continued to inspire her people through her music and poetry and to support them through acts of charity. To this day, her statue at the state capitol is honored by spontaneous offerings of leis and flowers, and is a symbol of Hawaii's love and respect for this far-sighted and astute monarch.

The year 1993 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the overthrow of the Queen and the end of the Hawaiian monarchy. It is appropriate at this time that the legislature and the people of this State come together to commemorate the life of this gracious, brave, and remarkable woman and to explore topics surrounding the issue of Hawaiian sovereignty.

SECTION 2. (a) There shall be established a commission to be known as the Queen Liliuokalani commemoration commission, to be placed in the office of Hawaiian affairs for administrative purposes, which shall consist of fifteen members to be appointed by the governor in the manner provided by section 26-34; provided that no fewer than eleven members shall be of Hawaiian ancestry as defined in section 10-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The members shall be persons who represent a broad spectrum of geographic, cultural, and educational disciplines. The terms of all appointments shall end on January 1, 1994. The governor shall appoint the chairperson of the commission from among the members.

(b) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel and necessary expenses while attending meetings in the discharge of their duties. The funds appropriated for the purposes hereof shall be disbursed on warrants based on vouchers approved by the chairperson of the board of trustees.

(c) The duties of the commission shall be as follows:

- (1) To plan and sponsor activities to educate all segments of the population on the life and accomplishments of Queen Lydia Kamaka'eha Liliuokalani Paki Dominis. Programs shall be aimed at school-aged children, youths, and adults, and may include entertainment components. The programs may involve the mass media. All programs shall be free of charge. The commission may work with private individuals and organizations interested in Hawaiian rights and sovereignty in holding these programs;
- (2) To develop and disseminate informational materials on the history, causes, and consequences of the overthrow of the kingdom of Hawaii; and
- (3) To coordinate a statewide commemoration to recognize the significance of Queen Liliuokalani's life and the overthrow of the kingdom of Hawaii.

(d) The commission shall consider input from interested Hawaiian groups in carrying out its duties, and may appoint committees and delegate powers and duties to the committees as it deems necessary.

(e) State departments shall assist and support the commission in this effort as appropriate.

(f) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 3. January 17, 1993, shall be declared a day of commemoration for the people of the State to recognize and observe the life of Queen Liliuokalani. The day shall not be considered a state holiday for the purposes of section 8-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 4. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1992-1993 to be exceeded by \$90,000 or .0028914 per cent. The reasons for exceeding

the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$90,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1992-1993, for the Queen Liliu'okalani commemoration commission to carry out its duties; provided that the commission shall expend the appropriation: \$25,000 for the island of Hawaii; \$25,000 for the island of Kauai; \$25,000 for the island of Maui; and \$15,000 for the island of Molokai; provided further that the commission shall schedule commemoration activities to occur on the week-end of January 17, 1993; and provided further that the office of Hawaiian affairs may supplement this appropriation with private funding sources to carry out the purposes of this Act. It is not the intent of the legislature that the commemoration activities extend for the entire year, but be limited to the week-end of January 17, 1993.

SECTION 6. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of Hawaiian affairs for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that sections 4 and 5 shall take effect on July 1, 1992.

(Approved June 19, 1992.)