

A Bill for an Act Establishing a Commission to Celebrate the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Arrival of Filipinos to Hawaii.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that members of the Filipino community have contributed significantly and substantially to Hawaii. Since the arrival of the first Filipinos to Hawaii in 1906, the rich culture and proud heritage of the Filipino people have been and continue to be a positive influence upon life in Hawaii. The year 2006 will mark the one-hundredth anniversary of their arrival in Hawaii. In recognition of the great contributions of Filipinos to Hawaii's diverse and multicultural society, 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 centennial anniversary of the Filipino people in Hawaii.

SECTION 2. There is established a temporary commission to be known as the Filipino centennial celebration commission which shall have charge of all arrangements for the commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipinos to Hawaii. The commission shall be placed within the office of the governor for administrative purposes and shall cease to operate after December 31, 2006.

SECTION 3. The commission shall consist of fifteen members of the Filipino community to be appointed by the governor without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The members shall represent government, labor, business, culture and the arts, and the community at large. The governor shall designate the chair of the commission from among the appointed members. An individual appointed to another commission is eligible to be appointed as a member of this commission.

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.

Any member of the commission shall be immune from civil liability as provided for under section 26-35.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 4. The commission shall:

- (1) Prepare an overall program to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the arrival of the Filipino people in Hawaii, their significant contributions to the development of this State, and their culture and heritage;
- (2) Identify a nonprofit organization that will be responsible for any monies received or expended for the centennial anniversary celebration; and
- (3) Develop, plan, and coordinate the various program activities that are to be scheduled throughout the year of the celebration and shall encourage the participation of all segments of the Filipino community.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the commission shall consult, cooperate with, and seek advice from appropriate Filipino organizations and agencies.

SECTION 5. The commission may seek grants from public and private sources and may accept donations to finance the projects, programs, and activities of the centennial anniversary celebration. Any funds received by the commission shall

be turned over to the nonprofit organization responsible for any moneys received or expended for the centennial anniversary celebration.

Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to any grant or subsidy made pursuant to this Act by the legislature.

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

SECTION 6. At the end of its term, the commission shall submit to the governor a final report of all its activities, including an accounting of all moneys received and disbursed. The report shall include a description of:

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

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2002.

(Approved June 7, 2002.)