
A BILL FOR AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF HAWAII STATEHOOD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to create a
2 temporary commission composed of members from a wide range of
3 Hawaii's communities to plan and coordinate the public
4 celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to
5 statehood in the United States of America.

6 The legislature finds and declares that the appropriation
7 under this Act is in the public interest and would benefit the
8 residents of Hawaii.

9 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a temporary
10 commission to be known as the fiftieth anniversary of statehood
11 commission consisting of twenty-five members who shall be
12 selected as provided in this Act, without regard to section
13 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14 (b) The commission shall be placed within the office of
15 the governor for administrative purposes and shall cease to
16 exist after December 31, 2009.



1 (c) The commission shall be composed of the following
2 members, whose selection shall be without regard to section
3 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

4 (1) Six members to be selected by the governor from a list
5 of twelve names submitted by the president of the
6 senate;

7 (2) Six members to be selected by the governor from a list
8 of twelve names submitted by the speaker of the house
9 of representatives;

10 (3) Five members to be selected by the governor, including
11 persons knowledgeable in the history of Hawaii and
12 Hawaiian culture, event planning, and developing
13 community partnerships;

14 (4) One member to represent each county, to be selected by
15 the respective mayor of the county;

16 (5) One member to represent the office of Hawaiian
17 affairs, to be selected by that organization;

18 (6) One member to represent the Hawaii tourism authority,
19 to be selected by that organization;

20 (7) One member to represent the state foundation on
21 culture and the arts, to be selected by that
22 organization; and



1 (8) One member to represent the military, to be selected
2 by the commander-in-chief Pacific.

3 SECTION 3. The commission shall develop, plan, and
4 coordinate various program activities to be scheduled to
5 celebrate and commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the
6 admission of Hawaii to statehood, including a series of events
7 scheduled for August 2009, and shall submit to the legislature,
8 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
9 session of 2009, a written report of its recommendations,
10 including the following:

11 (1) A detailed plan on how to execute its recommendations;
12 and

13 (2) Identifying and recommending procedures for the
14 appropriate disbursement of any public funds.

15 SECTION 4. The chair of the commission shall be selected
16 by the commission members. Members of the commission may elect
17 any subordinate officers that the commission deems appropriate
18 among the members but, at minimum, shall elect a vice-chair,
19 vice-chair for finance, and vice-chair for events.

20 SECTION 5. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by
21 the same selection authority that appointed the vacating member.



1 SECTION 6. Commission members shall serve on a voluntary
2 basis without compensation, but shall be entitled to
3 reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses,
4 for attending commission meetings and while in the discharge of
5 their duties and responsibilities under this Act.

6 SECTION 7. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum to do
7 business. An affirmative vote of thirteen members shall be
8 necessary to make decisions. The commission's meeting schedule
9 shall be determined by the commission members.

10 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2007-2008, to
13 be used by the commission for the purposes of this Act.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
15 governor.

16 SECTION 9. Any provision of this Act to the contrary
17 notwithstanding, the appropriation authorized under this Act
18 shall not lapse of the end of the fiscal year for which the
19 appropriation is made; provided that any unexpended and
20 unencumbered balance of the appropriation made in this Act as of
21 the close of business on December 31, 2009, shall lapse.

22 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.



Report Title:

Hawaii Statehood; 50th Anniversary; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a commission to plan and coordinate the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood. Makes appropriation. (SB1438 HD1)

