



GOV. MSG. NO. **898**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

June 6, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 6, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1352 HD1 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT ESTABLISHING A
COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE FIFTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII STATEHOOD.
(ACT 140)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 6 2007

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 140

H.B. NO. 1352
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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 commission composed of members from a wide range of Hawaii's
3 communities to plan and coordinate the public celebration of the
4 fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood in the
5 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 president of the
5 senate;
- 6 (2) Six members to be selected by the speaker of the house
7 of representatives;
- 8 (3) Five members to be selected by the governor;
- 9 (4) One member to represent each county, to be selected by
10 the mayor of the respective county;
- 11 (5) One member to represent the office of Hawaiian
12 affairs, to be selected by that organization;
- 13 (6) One member to represent the Hawaii tourism authority,
14 to be selected by that organization;
- 15 (7) One member to represent the state foundation on
16 culture and the arts, to be selected by that
17 organization; and
- 18 (8) One member to represent the military, to be selected
19 by the Commander, United States Pacific Command.

20 SECTION 3. The commission shall develop, plan, and
21 coordinate various program activities to be scheduled to
22 celebrate and commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the



1 admission of Hawaii to statehood, including a series of events
2 scheduled for August 2009, and shall submit to the legislature,
3 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
4 session of 2009, a written report of its recommendations,
5 including the following:

- 6 (1) A detailed plan on how to execute its recommendations;
7 and
8 (2) Identifying and recommending procedures for the
9 appropriate disbursement of any public funds.

10 SECTION 4. The chair of the commission shall be selected
11 by the commission members. Members of the commission may elect
12 any subordinate officers that the commission deems appropriate
13 among the members but, at a minimum, shall elect a vice chair,
14 vice chair for finance, and vice chair for events.

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

17 SECTION 6. Commission members shall serve on a voluntary
18 basis without compensation, but shall be entitled to
19 reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses,
20 for attending commission meetings and while in the discharge of
21 their duties and responsibilities under this Act.



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

5 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the tourism
6 special fund the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to be used by the commission
8 for the purposes of this Act.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
10 tourism authority for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 9. Any provision of this Act to the contrary
12 notwithstanding, the appropriation authorized under this Act
13 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the
14 appropriation is made; provided that any unexpended and
15 unencumbered balance of the appropriation made in this Act as of
16 the close of business on December 31, 2009, shall lapse.

17 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
18 provided that section 8 shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



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APPROVED this 6 day of JUN, 2007



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII