A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. (a) There is established a temporary commission to develop and implement initiatives recognizing and honoring former President Barack Obama, his historic legacy, and his impact on the State, to be placed within the department of business, economic development, and tourism for administrative purposes.

(b) The temporary commission shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The governor or the governor's designee;

(2) The president of the senate or the president's designee;

(3) The speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker's designee;

(4) The director of business, economic development, and tourism or the director's designee;
(5) The president and chief executive officer of the Hawaii tourism authority or the president and chief executive officer's designee;

(6) The chief executive officer of the office of Hawaiian affairs or the chief executive officer's designee;

(7) The president of the University of Hawaii or the president's designee;

(8) The mayor of the city and county of Honolulu or the mayor's designee; and

(9) A member of the community preferably with expert knowledge on former President Barack Obama to be appointed by the governor.

(c) The temporary commission shall select one of its members to serve as chairperson.

(d) The members of the temporary commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

(e) The temporary commission:

(1) Shall serve as the planning agency for all state-sponsored events and the coordinating agency for all
state-sponsored and other events for the purpose of honoring former President Barack Obama;

(2) Shall solicit funding from private and public sources for the purposes of paragraph (1);

(3) May accept appropriations from the State, counties, foreign governments, intergovernmental agencies, and non-governmental agencies for the purposes of paragraph (1);

(4) May accept donations of money and personal property from private and public sources; provided that all such donations are recorded and appropriately accounted for; and

(5) Shall submit a report of its activities and proposed activities, plans, and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020.

(f) No member shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a member of the commission.
(g) Any member of the commission shall be immune from civil liability for any act done in connection with their duties as provided in section 26-35.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

(h) The commission shall cease to exist on June 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to support the temporary commission established pursuant to this Act.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
Report Title:
Former President Barack Obama; Temporary Commission; Appropriation

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