

## ACT 98

S. B. NO. 1975-70

A Bill for an Act Establishing a Hawaii Bicentennial Commission.

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

**SECTION 1. Creation of Bicentennial Commission.** There is established a commission to be known as the "Hawaii Bicentennial Commission" which shall have charge of all arrangements for the commemoration of the 200th birthday of the United States in 1976.

The commission shall be placed within the office of the governor. It shall not continue beyond December 31, 1977.

**SECTION 2. Membership, compensation.** The commission shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as provided by section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Four of the members shall be selected from each of the counties, including the city and county of Honolulu, four shall be selected at large, and one shall be selected from the executive branch of the State government. The governor shall designate the chairman of the commission. The members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses in the performance of their duties.

**SECTION 3. Powers and duties.** The commission shall prepare an overall program for commemorating the bicentennial of the American revolution in Hawaii and plan, encourage, develop and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded and are associated with the American revolution. In preparing its plans and programs, the commission shall consider any related plans and programs developed by the national American revolution bicentennial commission and local and private groups, and it may designate special committees with representatives from such bodies to plan, develop and coordinate specific activities. In all planning, the commission shall give special emphasis to the ideas in the development of the United States, in world affairs and in mankind's quest for freedom.

The commission shall submit to the governor a comprehensive report incorporating its specific recommendations for the commemoration of the American revolution bicentennial and related events. This report may recommend activities such as, but not limited to:

- (1) The production, publication and distribution of books, pamphlets,

films and other educational materials on the history, culture and political thought of the period of the American revolution;

- (2) Bibliographical and documentary projects and publications;
- (3) Conferences, convocations, lectures, seminars and other programs;
- (4) The development of libraries, museums, historic sites and exhibits, including mobile exhibits;
- (5) Ceremonies and celebrations commemorating specific events; and
- (6) Programs and activities on the national and international significance of the American revolution and its implications for present and future generations.

The above report of the commission shall also include recommendations for the allocation of financial and administrative responsibility among the public and private authorities and organizations recommended for participation by the commission, and proposals for legislation and administrative action the commission considers necessary to carry out its recommendations.

The governor shall transmit the commission's report to the legislature, together with any comments and recommendations for legislation, and a report of administrative actions taken by him.

**SECTION 4. Cooperation.** In fulfilling its responsibilities, the commission shall consult, cooperate with and seek advice from appropriate State departments and agencies, local public bodies, learned societies and historical, patriotic, philanthropic, civic, professional and related organizations. State departments and agencies may cooperate with the commission in planning, encouraging, developing and coordinating appropriate commemorative activities.

The chairman of the board of land and natural resources shall determine if there are any sites within the State which are appropriate for preservation or development in commemoration of the American revolution in a manner to insure that fitting observances and exhibits may be held at the sites during the bicentennial celebration. He shall submit the results of his study to the commission in time to afford the commission an opportunity to review the study and to incorporate appropriate findings and recommendations in its report to the governor.

The president of the university of Hawaii shall cooperate with the commission, especially in the encouragement, coordination and publicity of scholarly works and presentations on the history, culture, political thought and commemoration of the American revolution.

The superintendent of education shall cooperate with the commission, especially in the development and display of exhibits and collections and in the development of bibliographies, catalogs and other materials relevant to the period of the American revolution.

**SECTION 5. Acceptance of donations, disposition of property.** The commission may accept donations of money, personal property or personal services. All property acquired by the commission shall be deposited for preserva-

tion in the State library system, museums, public archives or otherwise disposed or in consultation with the superintendent of education. All money donated to the commission shall be deposited with the director of budget and finance and is appropriated to the commission. Disbursement of such money shall be by State warrants issued in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and based on vouchers signed by the chairman of the commission.

**SECTION 6. Annual Reports.** The commission shall submit to the legislature an annual report of all activities, including an accounting of all property and money received and disbursed.

**SECTION 7. Appropriation.** There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000 for the initial year, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

**SECTION 8. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
(Approved June 16, 1970.)