

ACT 103

H.B. NO. 1695

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Establishment of a Centennial Commission on Scandinavians Coming to Hawaii.

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

SECTION 1. Creation of Centennial Commission. There shall be established a commission to be known as the "Scandinavian Centennial Commission" which shall have charge of all arrangements for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first large group of Scandinavians to Hawaii.

The commission shall be placed in the department of budget and finance. It shall not continue beyond December 31, 1981.

SECTION 2. Membership, compensation. The commission shall consist of eleven members who shall be appointed by the governor. Four of the members shall represent the four county governments, five shall represent the Scandinavian community at large, including at least one each from the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish communities, one shall represent the state government and one shall represent the business community. 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. Only those funds described in Section 5 of this Act shall be used for such reimbursements.

SECTION 3. Powers and duties. The commission shall prepare an overall program to celebrate the 100th, or centennial anniversary of the coming to Hawaii of the Scandinavians and shall plan, encourage, develop and coordinate program activities of the celebration. In preparing its plans and programs, the commission shall consider any related plans and programs developed by non-government organizations of the Scandinavian community and any other interested private and public organizations or agencies from whose members the commission may designate special committees to plan, develop and coordinate specific projects or activities.

The commission shall submit to the governor a comprehensive report for the 100th anniversary celebration. The report may recommend activities such as, but not limited to:

- (1) The production, publication and distribution of books, films and other educational materials on the life and experiences of Scandinavians in Hawaii;
- (2) Identify Hawaii resident descendants of the first immigrants.
- (3) Conferences, convocations, lectures and seminars relating to Scandinavians in Hawaii;
- (4) Ceremonies and celebration commemorating the special event;
- (5) Cultural and business exchanges with the Scandinavian countries, in particular with Drammen, Norway, during the centennial year of 1981.

SECTION 4. Cooperation. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the commission shall consult, cooperate with and seek advice from the Scandinavian clubs and organizations of Hawaii, the honorary consuls to Hawaii from the countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, and other appropriate organizations or agencies.

SECTION 5. Funds and donations. The commission may seek grants from public and private sources and may accept donations to finance the projects, programs and activities of the Centennial Commission celebration. All moneys received by the commission shall be deposited with the director of budget and finance and shall be appropriated to the commission. Disbursement of such moneys shall be by state warrants issued in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and shall be based on vouchers signed by the chairman of the commission.

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

SECTION 6. Annual reports. The commission shall submit to the governor an annual report of all activities, including an accounting of all moneys received and disbursed.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 22, 1979.)