

**Inventory of Records
of the
Legislative Reapportionment Commission**

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LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

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Introduction

In 1973, Article III of the Hawaii State Constitution established the Reapportionment Commission. In 1978, the Constitution was amended and revised by Constitutional Convention and election. Currently, the Reapportionment Commission is described in Article IV.

The Hawaii State Constitution, and Chapter 25 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), describe the duties of the Commission, which duties include (a) the apportionment of members of each house of the legislature on the basis, method, and criteria prescribed by the Constitution of the United States and the Hawaii Constitution, and (b) the apportionment of members of the United States House of Representatives. Essentially, the Commission is responsible for the drawing or redrawing of district lines.

Pursuant to §25-3, HRS, the Commission is authorized to secure testimony, printed materials and maps as necessary for the purpose of formulating a reapportionment plan. The Chairperson of the Commission is authorized to administer oaths to those giving testimony and appearing before the Commission.

At the time of the 1973 Commission, Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii prescribed the manner in which the members of the Commission were to be appointed. Pursuant to that section, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the leader of the minority party members of the Senate, and the leader of the minority party members of the House of Representatives, all of the State Legislature, each appointed two persons to the Commission.

In 1973, the eight members of the Commission were:

Appointing Authority

President of the Senate

Commission Members Appointed

Edward DeMello

Leslie Takao

Speaker of the House

Ben F. Kaito

Alvin T. Shim

Minority party leader, Senate

C.F. Damon, Jr.

Ambrose J. Rosehill

Minority party leader, House

V. Thomas Rice

Hannibal Tavares

All of these members were appointed on or before March 1, 1973 as prescribed by the State Constitution. The eight members in turn selected Yukio Naito as the ninth member and chairman of the Commission. This selection was made on March 21, 1973, within the time period prescribed by the State Constitution.

Although not required by State Constitution or statute, the Commission heard testimony during public hearings, and received written testimony. Hearings were held in April and June, 1973.

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The terms of the State Constitution in 1973 compelled the Commission to complete its work within 120 days after appointment of all Commission members. The Commission issued its final report dated July 16, 1973 to Lieutenant Governor George R. Ariyoshi. Among other things, the Commission determined that the constitutional deadline was too onerous, and, in its report, submitted several recommendations to allow public hearings and other work of the Commission within a larger period of time. As amended, the current State Constitution allows 150 days for the Commission to complete its tasks.

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This collection was at one time organized under the files of the Lieutenant Governor. In 2006, Archives staff determined this collection would be better accessible to patrons if prepared as a collection identified as a separate governmental agency. Thus, this finding aid has been prepared to merely supplement the series description and container list which have been reformatted but otherwise unmodified.

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Administrative History

Established: Formerly, Hawaii State Constitution, Article III, Section 4 (1972)
Currently, Hawaii State Constitution, Article IV

Chapter 25, Hawaii Revised Statutes

Dates: 1973

Predecessor Agency: None.

Organization: Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii (1972) prescribed the manner in which the members of the reapportionment Commission were to be appointed. Pursuant to that section, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the leader of the minority party members of the Senate, and the leader of the minority party members of the House of Representatives, all of the State Legislature, each appointed two persons to the Commission.

The eight members in turn selected a ninth member to serve as chairman of the Commission.

The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the leader of the minority party members of the Senate, and the leader of the minority party members of the House of Representatives, all of the State Legislature, also each appointed four persons to serve on the Apportionment Advisory Councils for the several basic island units (Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, and Kauai).

Disestablished: 1973

Successor Agency: Pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution, the Commission was required to meet again in 1981, and every 10 years thereafter.

References: Formerly, Hawaii State Constitution, Article III, Section 4 (1972)
Currently, Hawaii State Constitution, Article IV

Chapter 25, Hawaii Revised Statutes

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series Number: 386

Series Title: Records of the 1973 Legislative Reapportionment Commission

Date Range: 1973

Quantity: 0.63 cubic foot in one 7.5-inch box, including two volumes; and two folders of oversize maps, stored flat

Creator: Created or collected by the staff of the 1973 Legislative Reapportionment Commission

Physical Characteristics/Condition: Consists of letter and legal size manuscript, typescript and printed materials, including some bound materials, and oversize diazo maps in good condition.

Content Description: Contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, agendas, public testimonies, minutes, plans, maps and verbatim transcripts of meetings. Documents the methods used by the Commission to carry out its constitutional mandate as set forth in the State Constitution. Also documents the various reapportionment plans which it considered; includes objections to the plans.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by file folder.

- Notes:**
1. Working papers, drafts, blank forms, supply inventories, petty cash records and xeroxes of published materials were generally weeded per General Records Schedule 2. Some draft materials were retained if the content was appraised to be of enduring value and the same materials in final form were lacking.
 3. Records are arranged as received. Original file folder titles were retained.
 4. Tape recordings of commission proceeding were weeded; typed transcripts of the meetings were made and are a part of the series.
 5. Maps were unfolded during processing and are stored flat.

Access: Unrestricted.

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