

## ACT 148

H.B. NO. 161

A Bill for an Act Relating to a Reorganization Commission.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a government organization commission, hereinafter referred to as "the commission," which shall study and report on, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Definition and limitation of administrative responsibilities, services, activities and functions of all state and county agencies;

(b) Organization and distribution of all state and county financial powers, functions and responsibilities.

(c) Limitations of expenditures to an amount appropriate and consistent with the efficient performance of essential services, activities and functions;

(d) Elimination of duplication and overlapping of services, activities and functions;

(e) Consolidation of services, activities and functions of a similar nature.

The commission shall be composed of twelve members, of whom four shall be appointed by the president of the senate, four by the speaker of the house of representatives, and four by the governor. The commission members shall be appointed within ninety days from the effective date of this Act. Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, any state or county officer or employee may be appointed as a member of the commission.

Any vacancy in the commission shall not affect its powers and shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. The commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2. The commission may appoint and fix the compensation of each personnel as it deems necessary. Such personnel shall not be subject to the provisions of chapters 76 and 77, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The commission shall have the power to appoint an advisory committee or committees from time to time to which employees of the State and counties shall be eligible.

SECTION 3. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 4. The commission may hold hearings and make investigations. For these purposes, the commission shall have such powers as may be provided by law with respect to issuance of subpoenas and compelling the attendance of witnesses to secure information necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. Subpoenas shall be signed by the chairman of the commission and may be served by any person designated by him. Any member of the commission may administer oaths or affirmations to any person called before it. Any person subpoenaed to appear before the commission shall be entitled to receive fees and travel expenses as are allowed witnesses in civil actions in the circuit courts of the State.

SECTION 5. The commission shall have power to examine all government records and may secure directly from any state or county agency, information, suggestions, estimates and statistics which are necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Act. Each department shall make its records available and shall furnish information, suggestions, estimates and statistics directly to the commission, upon written request of the chairman or vice-chairman.

SECTION 6. Within ten days of the adjournment of the regular session of 1976, the commission shall submit a preliminary report of its findings to the legislature. Within ten days after the regular session of the Ninth State Legislature is convened and organized, the commission shall report its findings to the legislature. Ninety days after the submission to the legislature of its last report, the commission shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated from the general funds of the State the sum of \$130,000, for the 1975-1976 fiscal year, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the commission and to pay the compensation of the personnel authorized in section 2 of this Act. Payment of such expenses and compensation shall be disbursed on warrants of the comptroller upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the commission.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 29, 1975.)