

STATE OF HAWAII
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THE CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY T. MINK COMMISSION
FOR THE PERIOD
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THE TWENTY-FOURTH STATE LEGISLATURE
IN RESPONSE TO ACT 92, SLH 2006

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Background

Pursuant to Act 92, SLH 2006, (the Act) the Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink Commission (the Commission) is required to submit an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2007 and a final annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010. The reports shall include the following information:

2007 Legislative Session:

1. A summary outlining the development, planning, and coordination of the various program activities to be scheduled in honor of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.
2. An identification of a non-profit organization that will be responsible for any moneys received or expended for honoring Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.
3. A detailed plan on how to execute its recommendations.

2010 Legislative Session – Final Report:

1. A summary of all of its program activities.
2. An accounting of all moneys received and disbursed.
3. As applicable, information regarding the production, publication, distribution of books, films, other educational materials, conferences, conventions, lectures, and seminars on the life and experiences of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.
4. As applicable, information regarding the traveling exhibits, other exhibits, ceremonies, theatrical productions, and other special events honoring Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.

Status

The last member of the Commission was appointed on March 21, 2007 and the first meeting was held on July 2 to 3, 2007. The next three meetings were held on September 5, 2007, October 25, 2007, and December 7, 2007. Because the Commission was formed after the submittal of the 2007 Legislative report, the required information was not provided in the initial 2007 report. This report to the 2008 Legislature will provide some of the required information.

Summary of the Activities During This Period

A summary outlining the development, planning, and coordination of the various program activities to be scheduled in honor of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.

At the October 25, 2007 meeting, the following four Investigative Committees (ICs) that were formed at the prior meetings were approved to proceed forward with its plan:

- Essay Investigative Committee – Approximately \$7,750 is required from the Legislature for the fiscal year 2009 for a trial run.

Develop and coordinate a demonstration essay contest to honor Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink. This would be a pilot project to be evaluated in December 2008 to determine if it should continue as an annual event.

- Exhibits Investigative Committee – Approximately \$12,500 is required but the Commission does not anticipate requesting any funds from the Legislature at this time for this initiative and a grant from State agencies, non-profit organizations, etc. may be pursued.

Produce for public viewing, a humanities-based traveling exhibit on the “Life and Times of Patsy Takemoto Mink: from Maui plantation to Washington D.C.” for use in public libraries and other locations throughout the State of Hawaii and may include exhibitions on the mainland USA. A viewer’s guide will also be produced to accompany the exhibit.

- Website Investigative Committee – The Commission does not anticipate requesting any funds from the Legislature at this time for this initiative.

Produce an official State website to disseminate information about Patsy T. Mink and the Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink Commission, established by Act 92, SLH 2006 to study and recommend projects that recognize and honor her.

- Fundraising/Funding Investigative Committee – No funds are required for the IC Committee but an emergency budget request of \$15,000 for fiscal year 2008 and a supplemental budget request of \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2009 is necessary to cover the costs of the Commission meetings.

Review and explore funding opportunities for the projects initiated by the Commission with State government, non-profit organizations, businesses and secondly on possible federal sources.

The Commission will continue to investigate other projects to honor Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.

Identification of a non-profit organization that will be responsible for any moneys received or expended for honoring Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.

The identification of a non-profit organization has not been made as the ICs' plans are still being formulated and finalized.

A detailed plan on how to execute its recommendations.

The detailed implementation plans (provided the Legislature funds the essay contest project and grants are secured for the exhibits) for the four ICs are as follows:

Essay Investigative Committee

The details of the essay demonstration project are still in the discussion stages. Preliminarily, the contest will be open to high school students in the public, private, charter, and home schools. A Language Arts volunteer will serve as the coordinator and be given a stipend of \$2,500. An additional \$5,250 (\$3,750 for prizes and \$1,500 for outreach) will be required. The essay contest would be a pilot project to be evaluated in December 2008 to determine if it should continue as an annual event. The evaluation process will include input from the community, schools, Legislature, etc.

Exhibits Investigative Committee

The details of the exhibit project are still in the discussion stages. Preliminarily, a grant request will be submitted to the Hawaii Committee for the Humanities and other funding sources to support the production of a traveling exhibit on Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink. A planning committee will be organized comprised of scholars in the humanities and resource people. A humanities-based interpretive traveling exhibit on the life and contributions of Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink will be produced that can travel to various locations in Hawaii and nationally. A viewer's guide/handout will be distributed to the public viewing the exhibits. Discussions with the Hawaii State Libraries still need to take place to provide space for the exhibits and to have at least one exhibit on Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Molokai.

Website Investigative Committee

The details of the website project are still in the discussion stages. The preliminary steps are: finalize the list of the content (about the Commission, about Patsy T. Mink, photo gallery, Commission projects, press releases, related non-Commission activities celebrating Patsy T. Mink, etc.) and prioritize the order of completion; assign various committee members responsibility for assembling and/or overseeing the assembly of specific portions of the content; submit all content and images to the Commission for review and approval; forward approved content and images in specified formats to the Department of Accounting and General Services' (DAGS) webmaster; committee will review site in test version and then request for full

Commission review; and move website from test region to production in the still yet to be determined State's host website.

Fundraising/Funding Investigative Committee - Operating Funds for Commission Meetings and for the Essay Contest

The Act appropriated general funds of \$10,000 for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2007. Because the Commission was formed in March 2007, only \$4,302 out of the \$10,000 was expended for Commission meeting expenses including the costs for two out of state Commission members to attend the July 2 to 3, 2007 meeting. The remainder of the funds amounting to \$5,698 lapsed on June 30, 2007. **The Commission does not have any operating funds for this fiscal year and for the remaining term of the Commission.**

Because two Commission members are from out of state and one Commission member is from Kauai, an emergency appropriation of \$15,000 need to be appropriated for the fiscal year 2008 to facilitate two face-to-face meetings to supplement the video conference meetings during the year. For the fiscal year 2009, \$30,000 needs to be appropriated to facilitate four face-to-face meetings to supplement the video conference meetings during the year.

Total Emergency Funding Required for the Fiscal Year 2008

Two Commission Meetings	\$15,000
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Total Supplemental Budget Funding Required for the Fiscal Year 2009

Essay Demonstration Project	\$ 7,750
Four Commission Meetings	30,000

Total	\$37,750
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