

History of the  
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

**Chairwomen and year elected to office:**

*Mary Ellen Swanton, First Commission Chair (1964)*

*Bessie Y.T. Myers (1971)*

*Ruth Iams (1972)*

*Margaret Ushijima (1973-1975; 1978)*

*Elaine Taira (1976) (Kauai)*

*Priscilla Hayashi (1977)*

*Josephine Bucaneg (1979-1980)*

*Lois Andrews (1981-1982) (Maui)*

*Teresita U. Okihara (1983)*

*Lois J. Evora (1984-1985)*

*Teri M. McGraw (1986)*

*Joan L. Husted (1987)*

*La-Li Hing (1988-1990)*

*Holly Chun-Ming (1991)*

*Iris Ikeda Catalani (1992-1993)*

*Allicyn Hikida Tasaka (1994-1996)*

*Naomi Fujimoto (1997)*

*Leslie Wilkins (1998-2002)*

*Faye Watanabe Kurren (2003-2005)*

*Margaret Masunaga (2005-2007) (Big Island)*

*Carol Philips (2007-2011)*

*Leslie Wilkins (2011 – present)*