

Kauai County Charter Review

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Kauai Historical Society

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In 1900, the islands became part of the territory of Hawaii. Beginning in 1905 counties were able to establish their own charters.

Kauai elected a Board of Supervisors – starting with 5 supervisors elected by districts; changed to at-large elections, and finally to 7 supervisors elected by district. Many decisions made by the supervisors about the structure and duties of the county government have survived over the years

The Board of Supervisors penned and enacted the Charter for the County of Kauai in 1964. With the passage of S.B. no. 973 in 196 all counties were required to have a county charter with uniform structure and wording.

Kauai County Charter Review Commission met weekly beginning in December 1965 with input from county departments, the Board of Supervisors, the public, and documents submitted from other sources. Information about the council-manager plan, code of ethics and non-partisan elections were reviewed and discussed. The Proposed Charter 1966 was completed and is included in this collection.

Scope:

This collection was originally housed in the Lihue Library. It lacks some meeting minutes, includes supporting documents and the proposed 1966 Charter. The weekly meetings provided commission reviews of sections of the 1964 Charter.

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Finding Aid

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- 1 Deed of Gift, Finding Aid
- 2 Kauai County Charter – 1964
- 3 SB no. 973 – enacted 1965
- 4 Public hearings: February 21, 1966, June 7, 1966
It's your charter – undated, by the Charter Review Commission
- 5 Kauai Board of Supervisors suggestions rejected by the Charter Review Commission
- 6 Charter Review Commission Meeting Minutes:
1965: December #14-17
1966: January #18-April #34
May #40 – July #47
- 7 Presentations by Kauai County Departments
Police Department, November 16, 1965
Office of Economic Development, December 6, 1965
County Attorney, May 25, 1966
- 8 Documents submitted for review from various sources:
Comments on the Strong Mayor System, submitted by William A. Waters, dated December 27, 1965
The Reason Why Good Local Government Must Rest on Non- Partisan Elections, undated, 11 pages
Code of Ethics for the Public Service of the City of Salem, Oregon, 5p.
Partisan Politics in County Elections, by John E. Bebout, Assistant Director, National Municipal League; introduction: Model County Charter 1956
The Coming of the Council-Manager Plan, 1965, 20 pages
Powers of the Board of Supervisors, Chapter 144.33, no source
- 9 Charter Review Commission – information for public consideration:
The County Charter you adopt means home rule, 2 pages
A Charter for Kauai – to bring home control to the county, 3 pages
A Charter for Kauai, a summary by the Kauai County Charter Commission prepared for students, January 18, 1966, 6 pages
- 10 Charter 1966 drafts
- 11 Proposed Charter 1966