

## 2002 Current Fiscal Year Report: American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2002

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

American Samoa Economic Advisory  
Commission

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

5245

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

11/20/2000

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

12/22/2001

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

12/21/2001

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

### 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

### 13. Effective Date

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open

0

### 17b. Closed

0

### 17c. Partially Closed

0

### Other Activities

0

### 17d. Total

0

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next  
FY FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission meets to analyze information gathered by staff, hear public comments and views, and in an advisory capacity, develop recommendations regarding the economic development of American Samoa. The Commission submits its recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior in a report. The Secretary may transmit it, along with any comments he deems necessary, to the President. If the President agrees with the report, he may transmit it with any comments to the President of the U.S. Senate and the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Commission is composed of six members and one ex-officio member, representing three categories - two Federal government officials, two members who represent the financial, business, or trade community, and two members representing local area interests. The ex-officio member is the territorial Delegate to the U. S. House of Representatives.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Commission meetings will be called by the Chairman as often as deessary, but no less than one meeting will be held annually.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

American Samoa does not have sufficient local revenues to fund its entire operating costs. It desperately needs exteranl expertise in economic development to help provide its citizens with new ideas and incentives to assist rejuvenate its stagnant and limited economy. Since there is no existing advisory committee designed to do this work, the establishment of the American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission would be the best way to provide a centralized forum for this type of discourse.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All commission meetings are opened to the public and notices of meetings will be posted in the Federal Register.

**21. Remarks**

## Designated Federal Officer

Nikolao I. Pula Desk Officer for American Samoa  
& Palau

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Campbell, Arthur	12/22/1998	09/30/2002	Federal Official; DUS at Rural Development, USDA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lagomarsino, Robert	12/22/1998	09/30/2002	Consultant; private businessman; former Republican Congressman from Ventura, California.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pereira, Joseph	12/22/1998	09/30/2002	Consultant; private businessman; one of two members from American Samoa.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Straub, Chester	12/22/1998	09/30/2002	Federal Official; DAS at EDA, Commerce Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tulafono, Togiola	12/22/1998	09/30/2002	Lieutenant Governor of American Samoa; attorney; one of two members from American Samoa.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Waihee, John	12/22/1998	09/30/2002	Attorney; Former democratic governor of the state of Hawaii	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 6**

## Narrative Description

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety



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|---|--------------------------|
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Outcome Comments

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

### Number of Recommendations Comments

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

%

## **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

%

## **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

## **Agency Feedback Comments**

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

## **Grant Review Comments**

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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**Access Comments**