

JAN 20 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 174C-101(a),
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires decisions of the commission on
3 water resource management to incorporate and protect adequate
4 reserves of water for current and foreseeable development and
5 use of Hawaiian home lands.

6 The purpose of this Act is to add the chairperson of the
7 Hawaiian homes commission, or the chairperson's designee, to the
8 commission on water resource management in a similar ex officio
9 membership status as the director of health or the director's
10 designee.

11 SECTION 2. Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

13 "(a) There is established within the department a
14 commission on water resource management consisting of [~~seven~~]
15 eight members, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and final
16 authority in all matters relating to implementation and



1 administration of the state water code, except as otherwise
2 specifically provided in this chapter.

3 (b) Five members shall be appointed by the governor
4 subject to confirmation by the senate in the manner prescribed
5 in subsection (d). Each ~~[member]~~ of these five members shall
6 have substantial experience in the area of water resource
7 management; provided that at least one member shall have
8 substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian
9 water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian
10 riparian usage such as those preserved by section 174C-101. The
11 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall be
12 the chairperson of the commission. The director of health ~~[or~~
13 ~~the director's designee]~~ and the chairperson of the Hawaiian
14 homes commission or their respective designees shall serve as an
15 ex officio~~[+]~~,~~[+]~~ voting ~~[member.]~~ members."

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:  _____



S.B. NO. 1013

Report Title:

Commission on Water Resource Management; Membership

Description:

Adds the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the Chair's designee to the Commission on Water Resource Management. Increases number of commission members from seven to eight, with only five of eight required to have substantial experience in water resource management.

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