HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 472

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 227D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

The governing body of the authority shall consist of 3 "(b) a board of directors having [thirteen] nine voting members. 4 Three members from the general public shall be appointed by the 5 6 governor for staggered terms pursuant to section 26-34, except that one of these members shall be a resident of the county of 7 The public members shall be selected on the basis of 8 Hawaii. their knowledge, interest, and proven expertise in[, but not 9 limited to, one or more] no less than one of the following 10 fields: finance, commerce and trade, corporate management, 11 12 marketing, economics, engineering, energy management, real 13 estate development [, property] or management, aquaculture, and 14 ocean science [-]; provided that one public member shall have proven expertise in renewable energy and one public member shall 15 be an owner or active manager of a business with its principal 16 place of business located within Hawaii. The chairperson [and 17 secretary] of the research advisory committee shall serve on the 18 HB LRB 13-0033-1.doc

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1 board. The director of business, economic development, and 2 tourism, [the-chairperson of the board of land and natural - 3 resources,] the president of the University of Hawaii, the mayor 4 of the county of Hawaii, [an appointed] and a member from the 5 board of the high technology development corporation [, and an 6 appointed member-from-the-board of the Hawaii strategic 7 development corporation,] appointed pursuant to section 26-34, or their designated representatives, shall serve as ex officio, 8 9 voting members of the board. The tenants of the authority shall 10 elect [two members] one member to the board from among the 11 tenants of the authority, [of-which-one-member-shall serve a 12 two-year term, and one member] who shall serve a four-year 13 term[-]; provided that no tenant member shall serve on the board 14 in excess of eight consecutive years. In electing the tenant 15 [members,] member, each tenant shall be entitled to cast one 16 vote for [each] the member position. The tenant [members] 17 member shall be recused from voting on setting lease rents, 18 water rates, or utility rates, but may participate in 19 discussions. The chairperson of the board of land and natural 20 resources shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the 21 board. The director of business, economic development, and 22 tourism shall serve as the chairperson until such time as a HB LRB 13-0033-1.doc

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1 chairperson is elected by the board from the membership. The 2 board shall elect other officers as it deems necessary." 3 SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this Act and 4 notwithstanding section 26-34(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and 5 any other law to the contrary, the terms of all the members of 6 the natural energy laboratory of Hawaii authority's board of 7 directors shall expire; provided that the ex officio board 8 members and the chairperson of the research advisory committee shall continue to serve on the board. With respect to future 9 10 elections of tenant members, the limitation on duration of board 11 membership imposed upon tenant members by section 1 of this Act 12 shall apply to tenant members serving on the board on the 13 effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

NELHA; Board of Directors; Composition; Terms

Description:

Designates the chairperson of BLNR as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board of directors of NELHA. Reduces the number of board members from 13 to 9. Eliminates one tenant position, a member of the board of the Hawaii strategic development corporation, and the secretary of the research advisory committee from the board. Limits board membership for tenant members to 8 consecutive years. Effective 07/01/13.

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