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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 200D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3           1. By amending subsection (c) to read:

4           "(c) The director of health; [~~the superintendent of~~  
5 ~~education,~~] two representatives of the department of land and  
6 natural resources, including one from the division of boating  
7 and ocean recreation and [~~one from~~] the administrator of the  
8 aquatic resources division; the commanding officer of the  
9 Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station; the director of the office of  
10 planning; and the director of business, economic development,  
11 and tourism; or their designated representatives shall serve as  
12 ex officio nonvoting members of the council. Additionally, the  
13 council may designate representatives of other appropriate  
14 agencies as ex officio nonvoting members of the council."

15           2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

16           "(e) [~~A~~] The chairperson shall [~~be elected annually by the~~  
17 ~~council from among the council's voting members; provided that:~~



- 1       ~~(1) Only a nongovernmental member shall be elected as~~  
2           ~~chairperson; and~~
- 3       ~~(2) No member may serve as chairperson for more than two~~  
4           ~~consecutive years.]~~

5       be the administrator of the aquatic resources division."

6           SECTION 2. Section 200D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8           "**§200D-3 Kaneohe Bay regional council; general powers,**  
9 **duties, and functions.** The council shall have the following  
10 powers and duties and perform the following functions:

- 11           (1) Facilitate the implementation of the master plan as it  
12           relates to ocean use activities;
- 13           (2) Review and periodically amend the master plan as it  
14           relates to ocean use activities;
- 15           (3) Serve as a central coordinative clearinghouse of  
16           public and private activities in Kaneohe Bay, and as a  
17           repository and disseminator of information on the bay;
- 18           (4) Facilitate productive interaction between users of the  
19           bay and the general public in order to develop a  
20           common vision and make recommendations for public  
21           policy related to the bay;



- 1 (5) Recommend research, studies, data collection, and  
2 planning activities designed to provide additional  
3 information on Kaneohe Bay, with particular reference  
4 to the specific needs of the bay, and to publicize the  
5 results thereof, to the extent that these functions do  
6 not duplicate or supplant activities provided by other  
7 state or county agencies;
- 8 (6) Advise and make recommendations to the State and the  
9 county on matters regarding the use of Kaneohe Bay by  
10 the general public, marine research programs, and  
11 commercial ocean use activities, including legislative  
12 matters;
- 13 (7) Develop short- and long-term goals based on the master  
14 plan, resources, and programs for Kaneohe Bay;
- 15 (8) Educate the public and users of Kaneohe Bay on the  
16 problems and needs of the bay through public education  
17 programs;
- 18 (9) Serve as the public advocate for Kaneohe Bay;
- 19 (10) Initiate and maintain contact with public, private,  
20 county, and state organizations, agencies, and  
21 individuals engaging in activities in Kaneohe Bay;



- 1 (11) Establish a Kaneohe Bay fishing panel to monitor  
2 fishing activities in the bay, as recommended in the  
3 master plan as it relates to ocean use activities; and
- 4 (12) Hold [~~annual public hearings until 1999~~] quarterly  
5 meetings on the status of the implementation of the  
6 master plan [~~as it relates to ocean use activities and~~  
7 ~~research being conducted by the Hawaii institute of~~  
8 ~~marine biology~~]."

9 SECTION 3. (a) The Kaneohe bay regional council shall  
10 review and evaluate the provisions of section 200D-3, Hawaii  
11 Revised Statutes, to determine whether its powers, duties, and  
12 functions remain applicable and relevant and if changes to its  
13 mission and functions are required.

14 (b) The Kaneohe bay regional council shall submit a report  
15 of its findings and recommendations, including the results of  
16 its review and evaluation pursuant to subsection (a), and any  
17 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
18 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2015.

19 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council; Membership; Functions; Report

**Description:**

Removes the superintendent of education from the Kaneohe bay regional council. Adds the administrator of the aquatic resources division in place of one member from the division. Designates the administrator of the aquatic resources division as the chair. Deletes the requirements that the chairperson of the council be a nongovernmental member and that the chairperson may not serve more than 2 consecutive years. Requires the Council to hold quarterly hearings on the status of the master plan. Requires the council to review and report on the continued relevance and need for changes in its powers, duties, and functions. (SD1)

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