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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the exceptional tree  
2 act, Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 1975, recognizes the value  
3 of trees for their beauty and ecological functions and requires  
4 each county to establish a county arborist advisory committee to  
5 enact regulations to protect trees of exceptional stature. The  
6 legislature also finds that section 58-2, Hawaii Revised  
7 Statutes, requires one member of the county arborist advisory  
8 committee to be actively employed in the practice of landscape  
9 architecture. The county of Hawaii currently has only three  
10 landscape architects working within the county, thereby severely  
11 limiting the pool of candidates. As a result, the county of  
12 Hawaii has not had a functioning county arborist advisory  
13 committee since 2008.

14       The purpose of this Act is to expand the candidate pool for  
15 membership on a county arborist advisory committee by making the  
16 following, in addition to persons actively employed in landscape  
17 architecture, eligible: certified arborists, horticulturalists



1 with specialization in trees, and persons who have received a  
2 master's degree in botany.

3 SECTION 2. Section 58-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "[+]§58-2[+] County arborist advisory committees;  
6 establishment. Each county of the State shall establish a  
7 county arborist advisory committee, which shall be appointed by  
8 the mayor and shall include [the]:

9 (1) The county planning director, or the director's  
10 designee; [one]

11 (2) One member who shall be a person actively employed in  
12 the practice of landscape architecture, a certified  
13 arborist, a horticulturist with specialization in  
14 trees, or received a master's degree in botany; and  
15 [not]

16 (3) Not less than three other members selected on the  
17 basis of active participation in programs of community  
18 beautification, or research or organization in the  
19 ecological sciences, including ethnobotany, or  
20 Hawaiiana."



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1       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Exceptional Trees; County Arborist Advisory Committee;  
Membership Qualifications

**Description:**

Makes eligible for membership on a county arborist advisory committee certified arborists, horticulturists with specialization in trees, and persons who have received a master's degree in botany.

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