
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state water code
2 has not been implemented in full compliance with the
3 requirements of section 174C-101(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
4 that adequate reserves of water for current and foreseeable
5 development of Hawaiian home lands be incorporated into and
6 protected by the decisions of the commission on water resource
7 management. The commission on water resource management has
8 only reserved water for current and foreseeable development of
9 Hawaiian home lands on Oahu and Molokai, and in Keauhou on the
10 island of Hawaii.

11 The legislature further finds that representation on the
12 commission on water resource management by the Hawaiian homes
13 commission is necessary for section 174C-101(a), Hawaii Revised
14 Statutes, to be properly fulfilled.

15 The purpose of this Act is to add the chairperson of the
16 Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designee as an ex



1 officio, voting member of the commission on water resource
2 management.

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

5 "(a) There is established within the department a
6 commission on water resource management consisting of [~~seven~~]
7 eight members which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and final
8 authority in all matters relating to implementation and
9 administration of the state water code, except as otherwise
10 specifically provided in this chapter.

11 (b) Five members shall be appointed by the governor
12 subject to confirmation by the senate in the manner prescribed
13 in subsection (d). Each [~~member~~] of the five appointed members
14 shall have substantial experience in the area of water resource
15 management; provided that at least one member shall have
16 substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian
17 water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian
18 riparian usage such as those preserved by section 174C-101. The
19 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall be
20 the chairperson of the commission. The director of health or
21 the director's designee shall serve as an ex officio[+], [+]



1 voting member. The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission
2 or the chairperson's designee shall serve as an ex officio,
3 voting member."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Commission on Water Resource Management; Hawaiian Homes
Commission Representation

Description:

Adds the chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the
chairperson's designee to serve as an ex officio, voting member
of the Commission on Water Resource Management. Effective
7/1/2050. (SD1)

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