HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 323F-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by	y amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3	"(b)	The members of the corporation board shall be
4	appointed	as follows:
5	(1)	The director of health as an ex officio, voting
6		member;
7	(2)	The five regional chief executive officers as ex
8		officio, nonvoting members;
9	(3)	Three members who reside in the county of Maui, two of
10		whom shall be appointed by the Maui regional system
11		board and one of whom shall be appointed by the
12		governor, all of whom shall serve as voting members;
13	(4)	Two members who reside in the eastern section of the
14		county of Hawaii, one of whom shall be appointed by
15		the East Hawaii regional system board and one of whom
16		shall be appointed by the governor, both of whom shall
17		serve as voting members;



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1	(5)	Two members who reside in the western section of the
2		county of Hawaii, one of whom shall be appointed by
3		the West Hawaii regional system board and one of whom
4		shall be appointed by the governor, both of whom shall
5		serve as voting members;
6	(6)	Two members who reside on the island of Kauai, one of
7		whom shall be appointed by the Kauai regional system
8		board and one of whom shall be appointed by the
9		governor, both of whom shall serve as voting members;
10	(7)	Two members who reside on the island of Oahu, [one of
11		whom shall be appointed by the Oahu regional system
12		board and one of whom] who shall be appointed by the
13		governor, both of whom shall serve as voting members;
14		and
15	(8)	One member who shall be appointed by the governor and
16		serve as an at-large voting member.
17	The a	appointed board members who reside in the county of
18	Maui, east	tern section of the county of Hawaii, western section
19	of the cou	unty of Hawaii, on the island of Kauai, and on the
20	island of	Oahu shall each serve for a term of four years;

21 provided that the terms of the initial appointments of the

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1 members who are appointed by their respective regional system boards shall be as follows: one of the initial members from the 2 3 county of Maui shall be appointed to serve a term of two years 4 and the other member shall be appointed to serve a term of four 5 years; the initial member from East Hawaii shall be appointed to 6 serve a term of two years; the initial member from West Hawaii 7 shall be appointed to serve a term of four years; the initial member from the island of Kauai shall be appointed to serve a 8 9 term of two years; and the initial member from the island of 10 Oahu shall be appointed to serve a term of four years; and 11 provided further that the terms of the initial appointments of 12 the members who are appointed by the governor shall be four 13 years. The at-large member appointed by the governor shall 14 serve a term of two years.

Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner provided for the original appointments [-]; provided that after June 30, 2019, all members who reside on Oahu shall be appointed by the governor. The corporation board shall elect its own chair from among its members. Appointments to the corporation board shall be as representative as possible of the system's stakeholders as outlined in this subsection. The board member appointments



1	shall strive to create a board that includes expertise in the			
2	fields of medicine, finance, health care administration,			
3	government affairs, human resources, and law."			
4	SECTION 2. Section 323F-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is			
5	amended as follows:			
3	amended as forrows:			
6	1. By amending subsection (a) to read:			
7	"(a) [There] <u>Except for the Oahu regional health care</u>			
8	system, there is hereby established a regional system board of			
9	directors to govern each of the [five] regional systems			
10	specified in section 323F-2, no later than January 1, 2008. The			
11	regional system boards of directors shall carry out the duties			
12	and responsibilities as set forth in this chapter and as further			
13	delegated by the corporation. For the Oahu regional health care			
14	system, all duties and responsibilities set forth in this			
15	chapter or otherwise delegated to a regional system board shall			
16	be carried out by the corporation board beginning on July 1,			
17	2019."			
18	2. By amending subsection (c) to read:			
19	"(c) [Each] Except for the Oahu regional health care			
20	system, each regional system shall be governed by a regional			
21	system board of directors to consist of not less than seven			



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1 members and not more than fifteen members, as determined by the 2 regional system board after the initial regional system board is 3 established.

- 4 (1) Each regional system board shall initially consist of
 5 twelve members to be appointed by the governor under
 6 section 26-34 or as provided in this section, as
 7 follows:
- 8 (A) Four members shall be appointed by the governor
 9 within thirty days of receipt of a qualified list
 10 of candidates as follows:
- 11 (i) Two members shall be chosen from a list of 12 four individuals submitted by the speaker of 13 the house of representatives within fifteen 14 days of July 1, 2007; provided that this 15 list shall not include physicians; and 16 (ii) Two members shall be chosen from a list of 17 four individuals submitted by the president 18 of the senate within fifteen days of July 1, 19 2007; provided that this list shall not 20 include physicians;



1	(B)	Four members shall be appointed by the governor
2		within thirty days from a list of eight
3		individuals nominated by the regional public
4		health facility management advisory committee
5		within fifteen days of July 1, 2007. These
6		individuals may be medical and health care
7		providers and professionals, consumers, and
8		knowledgeable individuals in other appropriate
9		areas such as business, finance, and law;
10		provided that these individuals shall not be
11		physicians currently in active practice;
12	(C)	Three physicians shall be appointed by the
13		governor within thirty days from a list submitted
14		within fifteen days of July 1, 2007, of six
15		physicians nominated by a majority vote of the
16		medical staff of the public health facilities in
17		the regional system present at a duly noticed
18		meeting from a list of qualified candidates
19		submitted by the medical executive committees in
20		the regional system; and



1		(D) The corporation board chairperson or
2		chairperson's designee shall serve as an ex
3		officio, nonvoting member of each regional system
4		board;
5	(2)	One member of each regional system board nominated by
6		the speaker of the house of representatives, the
7		president of the senate, and medical executive
8		committees in a regional system shall be appointed for
9		a term of two years;
10	(3)	One member of each initial regional system board
11		nominated by the regional public health facility
12		management advisory committee for the regional system
13		shall be appointed for a term of two years;
14	(4)	The remaining members of each initial regional system
15		board and all members appointed thereafter shall be
16		appointed for terms of three years; and
17	(5)	New regional system board members appointed to any
18		regional system board after the initial regional
19		system board shall be selected by a two-thirds
20		affirmative vote of the existing regional system board
21		members.



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Except for the ex officio members of each regional system board,
 all other members of a regional system board shall be residents
 of the region. Each regional system board shall elect its own
 chair."

5 SECTION 3. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of
6 the Oahu regional system board of directors are transferred to
7 the Hawaii health systems corporation board of directors.

8 All employees who occupy civil service positions and whose 9 functions are transferred to the Hawaii health systems 10 corporation board of directors by this Act shall retain their 11 civil service status, whether permanent or temporary. Employees 12 shall be transferred without loss of salary, seniority (except 13 as prescribed by applicable collective bargaining agreements), 14 retention points, prior service credit, any vacation and sick 15 leave credits previously earned, and other rights, benefits, and 16 privileges, in accordance with state personnel laws and this 17 Act; provided that the employees possess the minimum 18 qualifications and public employment requirements for the class 19 or position to which transferred or appointed, as applicable; 20 provided further that subsequent changes in status may be made 21 pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws.



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1 Any employee who, prior to this Act, is exempt from civil 2 service and is transferred as a consequence of this Act may 3 retain the employee's exempt status, but shall not be appointed 4 to a civil service position as a consequence of this Act. An 5 exempt employee who is transferred by this Act shall not suffer 6 any loss of prior service credit, vacation or sick leave credits 7 previously earned, or other employee benefits or privileges as a 8 consequence of this Act; provided that the employees possess 9 legal and public employment requirements for the position to 10 which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided further 11 that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to 12 applicable employment and compensation laws. The chair of the 13 Hawaii health systems corporation board may prescribe the duties 14 and qualifications of these employees and fix their salaries 15 without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes. 16 SECTION 4. All appropriations, records, equipment, machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents, 17

18 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,
19 acquired, or held by the Oahu regional system board of directors
20 relating to the functions transferred to the Hawaii health

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systems corporation board of directors shall be transferred with
 the functions to which they relate.
 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
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Report Title: HHSC; Oahu Regional System

Description: Repeals the Oahu regional system board of HHSC.

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