

JAN 27 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is created a review board, to be designated the
4 Hawaii historic places review board, for the Hawaii register of
5 historic places and the national register of historic places
6 which shall meet the requirements of federal law. The board
7 shall be placed within the department of land and natural
8 resources for administrative purposes and shall consist of [~~ten~~
9 seven members to be appointed and removed by the governor as
10 provided in section 26-34. The board shall include one
11 professionally qualified member of each of the following
12 disciplines: archaeology, architecture, history, and
13 sociology. In addition, there shall be one person knowledgeable
14 in traditional Hawaiian society and culture."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Historic Places Review Board; Membership

Description:

Reduces the number of members on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Land and Natural Resources

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD.

PURPOSE: To reduce the number of members on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

MEANS: Amend section 6E-5.5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaii Historic Places Review Board was established to:

- (1) Order and enter historic properties into the Hawaii Register of Historic Places on the basis of their value to Hawaii's heritage;
- (2) Evaluate and, when appropriate, recommend the nomination of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places;
- (3) Review the state survey of historic properties undertaken in accordance with chapter 6E, HRS;
- (4) Review the content of the State Historic Preservation Plan developed in accordance with chapter 6E, HRS;
- (5) Maintain the Hawaii Register of Historic Places, including all those listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and a program of notification and publication regarding properties on the registers; and
- (6) Develop policies on signage in historic districts.

The Hawaii Historic Places Review Board is made up of ten members, including one

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professionally qualified member of each of the following disciplines: archaeology, architecture, history, and sociology. In addition, one member shall be knowledgeable in traditional Hawaiian society and culture.

There has been however, difficulty finding a qualified and suitable number of candidates to bring the membership up to ten, as required by law. The Department believes that the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board could still function effectively and efficiently if membership were reduced to seven. Further, there are already two vacancies on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board, with another two seats set to become vacant as incumbents in those two seats will complete their terms at the end of this fiscal year. Reducing the number of members on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board from ten to seven will not affect any sitting member, and will enable the Board to achieve quorum and take action.

This bill seeks to reduce the number of members on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board from ten to seven.

Impact on the public: Would lessen the occurrence of delays related to the placement of historic properties on to the Hawaii Register of Historic Places due to insufficient number of members on the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

Impact on the Department and other agencies: Would lessen the occurrence of canceled actions needed to be taken up by the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board.

GENERAL FUND: None.
OTHER FUNDS: None.
PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: LNR 802.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.