
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATION AND POLICY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§26-34 Selection, training, and terms of members of
4 **boards and commissions.** (a) The members of each board and
5 commission established by law shall be nominated and, by and
6 with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed by the
7 governor. Unless otherwise provided by this chapter or by law
8 hereafter enacted, the terms of the members shall be for four
9 years; provided that the governor may reduce the terms of those
10 initially appointed so as to provide, as nearly as can be, for
11 the expiration of an equal number of terms at intervals of one
12 year for each board and commission. Unless otherwise provided
13 by law, each term shall commence on July 1 and expire on
14 June 30, except that the terms of the chairpersons of the board
15 of agriculture, the board of land and natural resources, and the
16 Hawaiian homes commission shall commence on January 1 and expire
17 on December 31. No person shall be appointed consecutively to



1 more than two terms as a member of the same board or commission;
2 provided that membership on any board or commission shall not
3 exceed eight consecutive years.

4 (b) Upon appointment, each new member shall participate in
5 an orientation and training session with the head of the
6 department or agency that administratively controls or
7 supervises the member's board or commission, or the designee of
8 the head of the department or agency, regarding the mission,
9 roles, and responsibilities under applicable federal, state, and
10 local laws; programs; processes and procedures; and statutes
11 relevant to the work of the board or commission on which the
12 member sits.

13 (c) At least once per calendar year, all departments and
14 its agencies with boards and commissions subject to section
15 84-17, shall update their members on information to supplement
16 their initial training.

17 ~~(b)~~ (d) Any member of a board or commission whose term
18 has expired and who is not disqualified for membership under
19 subsection (a) may continue in office as a holdover member until
20 a successor is nominated and appointed; provided that a holdover
21 member shall not hold office beyond the end of the second



1 regular legislative session following the expiration of the
2 member's term of office.

3 ~~(e)~~ (e) A vacancy occurring in the membership of any
4 board or commission during a term shall be filled for the
5 unexpired term thereof, subject to Article V, section 6 of the
6 Constitution of the State.

7 ~~(d)~~ (f) The governor may remove or suspend for cause any
8 member of any board or commission after due notice and public
9 hearing.

10 ~~(e)~~ (g) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter,
11 this section shall apply to every board and commission
12 established by part I, or existing or established after
13 November 25, 1959. All new appointments to any board or
14 commission shall thereafter be made in accordance with this
15 section.

16 ~~(f)~~ (h) This section shall not apply to ex officio
17 members of boards and commissions or to the board of trustees of
18 the employees retirement system."

19 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Departments; Boards; Commissions; Members

Description:

Requires each new member of a board or commission to participate in an orientation and training session with the head of the department with jurisdiction of that member's board or commission or their designee. Requires each department and agency to train their members at least once per calendar year.
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