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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 174C-101(a),  
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that decisions of the  
3 commission on water resource management relating to the  
4 planning, regulation, management, and conservation of water  
5 resources in the State shall, to the extent applicable and  
6 consistent with other legal requirements and authority,  
7 incorporate and protect adequate reserves of water for current  
8 and foreseeable development and use of Hawaiian home lands as  
9 set forth in section 221 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.  
10 The purpose of this bill is to add the chairman of the Hawaiian  
11 homes commission or the chairman's designated representative as  
12 an ex officio, voting member to the commission on water resource  
13 management to advance the interest of beneficiaries of the  
14 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

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



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

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



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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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INTRODUCED BY:  \_\_\_\_\_



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**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  
on the Commission on Water Resource Management.

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