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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 207(a) of  
2 the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, authorizes  
3 the department of Hawaiian home lands to lease the right to the  
4 use and occupancy of not more than forty acres of agricultural  
5 lands or lands used for aquaculture purposes to qualified  
6 beneficiaries. As Hawaii looks to strengthen food security, the  
7 interests of agricultural homestead lessees should be  
8 represented on the board of agriculture.

9           The purpose of this Act is to add the chairperson of the  
10 Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designated  
11 representative to the board of agriculture.

12           SECTION 2. Section 26-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14           "(a) The department of agriculture shall be headed by an  
15 executive board to be known as the board of agriculture. The  
16 board shall consist of [~~ten~~] eleven members:

17           (1) One who shall be a resident of the county of Hawaii;



- 1 (2) One who shall be a resident of the county of Maui;
- 2 (3) One who shall be a resident of the county of Kauai;
- 3 (4) Four at large; and
- 4 (5) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
- 5 resources; the director of business, economic
- 6 development, and tourism; the chairperson of the
- 7 Hawaiian homes commission; and the dean of the
- 8 University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture
- 9 and human resources, or their designated
- 10 representatives, who shall serve as ex officio[7]
- 11 voting members.

12 The majority of the members of the board shall be from the  
 13 agricultural community or the agricultural support sector. The  
 14 appointment, tenure, and removal of the members and the filling  
 15 of vacancies on the board shall be as provided in section 26-34.  
 16 The governor shall appoint a chairperson of the board from the  
 17 members."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Board of Agriculture; Membership; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

**Description:**

Adds the chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission to the board of agriculture. (SD1)

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