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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that each of the islands  
2 of the State has different water resources, and therefore unique  
3 agricultural issues. The legislature further finds that the  
4 complex needs of each island's agricultural community would be  
5 better addressed by proper representation on the board of  
6 agriculture.

7       Accordingly, the purpose of this measure is to amend the  
8 composition of the board of agriculture by providing  
9 representation from the islands of Molokai and Lanai.

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

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

15       (1) One who shall be a resident of the [~~county~~] island of  
16       Hawaii;



(2) One who shall be a resident of the ~~[county]~~ island of Maui;

(3) One who shall be a resident of the ~~[county]~~ island of Kauai;

(4) One who shall be a resident of the island of Molokai;

(5) One who shall be a resident of the island of Lanai;

~~[(4)]~~ (6) Four at large; and

~~[(5)]~~ (7) The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources; the director of business, economic development, and tourism; and the dean of the University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources, or their designated representatives, who shall serve as ex officio~~[7]~~ voting members.

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



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

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