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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 341-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§341-5.5[+] Environmental advisory council;

4 established[-]; quorum; number of votes necessary to validate

5 acts. (a) There is created an environmental advisory council

6 not to exceed fifteen members. Members of the environmental

7 advisory council shall be appointed by the governor as provided

8 in section 26-34. The environmental advisory council shall be

9 established within the office of planning and sustainable

10 development for administrative purposes. The term of each

11 member shall be four years. Vacancies shall be filled for the

12 remainder of any unexpired term in the same manner as original

13 appointments. The environmental advisory council chairperson

14 shall be elected by the council from among the appointed members

15 of the council.

16 (b) A majority of all of the members currently appointed

17 to the environmental advisory council shall constitute a quorum



1 to do business, and the concurrence of a majority of all of the  
2 members currently appointed to the environmental advisory  
3 council shall be necessary to make any action of the council  
4 valid.

5 [~~(b)~~] (c) Members shall be appointed to ensure a broad and  
6 balanced representation of educational, business, and  
7 environmentally pertinent disciplines and professions, such as  
8 the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture,  
9 engineering, environmental consulting, public health, and  
10 planning; educational and research institutions with  
11 environmental competence; agriculture, real estate, visitor  
12 industry, construction, and media; and voluntary community and  
13 environmental groups. The members of the environmental advisory  
14 council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed  
15 for actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses,  
16 incurred in the discharge of their duties."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Environmental Advisory Council; Quorum; Voting

**Description:**

Defines what constitutes a quorum for the environmental advisory council. Specifies the number of votes required to make any action of the council valid. (SD1)

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