
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 172, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2019, reduced the number of members of the board
3 of regents of the University of Hawaii from fifteen to eleven.
4 As such, the number of members whose terms will expire in the
5 coming years is not evenly distributed and may result in sudden
6 losses of institutional knowledge and experience. This
7 necessitates realignment of the terms of members appointed by
8 the governor until an equitable number of terms expire each
9 year. Since each member's term, with the exception of the
10 student member, is five years, two terms should expire each year
11 to provide for consistency and equity.

12 The legislature finds that the composition and term limits
13 of members of the board of regents of the University of Hawaii
14 is a matter of statewide concern that falls under its purview
15 pursuant to article X, section 6 of the Hawaii State
16 Constitution.

17 The purpose of this Act is to:



(1) Provide for the expiration of two terms of members of the board of regents each year, instead of three terms; and

(2) Require the governor to adjust the terms of members appointed to the board of regents until the number of terms set to expire each year is two, not including the student member.

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

"(a) The University of Hawaii shall be headed by an executive board to be known as the board of regents.

The board shall consist of eleven members. At least one member shall be a University of Hawaii student at the time of the initial appointment. The governor [~~shall~~] may reduce the terms of those initially appointed to each seat on the board of regents to provide, as far as practicable, for the expiration of [~~three~~] two terms each year; provided that the term of the student member shall not be reduced.

The members, except for the student member, shall represent and reside in the specified geographic areas as follows:

(1) Two members from the county of Hawaii;



1 (2) Two members from the county of Maui;

2 (3) One member from the county of Kauai; and

3 (4) Five members from the city and county of Honolulu.

4 The board shall have the power, in accordance with the
5 Hawaii constitution and with law, to formulate policy and to
6 exercise control over the university through its executive
7 officer, the president of the university. The board shall have
8 exclusive jurisdiction over the internal organization and
9 management of the university."

10 SECTION 3. The governor shall adjust the terms of members
11 appointed to the board of regents as follows:

12 (1) The seats with terms that expire on June 30, 2022,
13 shall be filled by two members appointed to five-year
14 terms and one member appointed to a two-year term;

15 (2) The seats with terms that expire on June 30, 2023,
16 shall be filled by two members appointed to five-year
17 terms and one member appointed to a two-year term; and

18 (3) The seats with terms that expire on June 30, 2026,
19 shall be filled by two members appointed to five-year
20 terms and one member appointed to a three-year term.



1 These appointments shall be deemed initial appointments
2 under section 26-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, under which the
3 governor is allowed to reduce the terms of those initially
4 appointed for purposes of achieving, as far as practicable, the
5 expiration of two terms each year.

6 This section shall not apply to the student member.

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Board of Regents

Description:

Changes the number of terms of University of Hawaii Board of Regent members that should expire each year from three to two. Adjusts the terms of members appointed between 2022-2026 to realign the number of terms scheduled to expire each year. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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