
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 Act is to add the chairperson of the
11 Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designated
12 representative as an ex officio, nonvoting member to the
13 commission on water resource management to advance the interest
14 of beneficiaries of the 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 voting members [~~which~~] that shall have exclusive jurisdiction
4 and final authority in all matters relating to implementation
5 and 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 ex officio
10 members, shall have substantial experience in the area of water
11 resource management; provided that at least one member shall
12 have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian
13 water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian
14 riparian usage such as those preserved by section 174C-101. The
15 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall be
16 the chairperson of the commission. The director of health or
17 the director's designee shall serve as an ex officio[+], [+] or
18 voting member. The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission
19 or the chairperson's designee shall serve as an ex officio,
20 nonvoting member."



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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 on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Commission on Water Resource Management; Hawaiian Homes
Commission; Representation; Membership

Description:

Adds the chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission or the
chairperson's designee to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting
member on the commission on water resource management.
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