



GOV. MSG. NO. 1141

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 16, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 16, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2670 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE LESBIAN,  
GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER,  
PLUS COMMISSION.  
**ACT 041**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,  
TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new chapter to title 20 to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "CHAPTER  
5 HAWAII STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS  
6 COMMISSION

7 § -1 Findings and purpose. The legislature finds that  
8 there is a need to establish a body to improve the State's  
9 interface with members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
10 transgender, queer, plus community; identify the short- and  
11 long-range needs of its members; and ensure that there is an  
12 effective means of researching, planning, and advocating for the  
13 equity of this population in all aspects of state government.  
14 Accordingly, the purpose of this chapter is to establish a  
15 commission to provide for a statewide program, on a permanent  
16 and continuing basis, on the status of lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
17 transgender, queer, plus individuals in Hawaii.



1 § -2 Definitions. For purposes of this chapter:

2 "Commission" means the Hawaii state lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
3 transgender, queer, plus commission.

4 "Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus" includes  
5 any individual who identifies as a member of the lesbian, gay,  
6 bisexual, transgender, or queer community, or any individual who  
7 identifies as a member of a sexual or gender minority, including  
8 intersex, asexual, or pansexual individuals.

9 § -3 Hawaii state lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,  
10 queer, plus commission; membership. (a) There is established  
11 the Hawaii state lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,  
12 plus commission within the department of human services for  
13 administrative purposes.

14 (b) The commission shall consist of the following:

15 (1) Six ex officio, nonvoting members or their designees,  
16 including the:

17 (A) Superintendent of education;

18 (B) President of the University of Hawaii system;

19 (C) Director of labor and industrial relations;

20 (D) Director of human resources development;

21 (E) Director of human services; and



- 1 (F) Director of health; and
- 2 (2) Eight voting members who shall be appointed by the
- 3 governor in accordance with section 26-34; provided
- 4 that of these eight members:
- 5 (A) One member shall be from the county of Hawaii;
- 6 (B) One member shall be from the county of Kauai;
- 7 (C) One member shall be from the county of Maui;
- 8 (D) Four members shall be from the city and county of
- 9 Honolulu; and
- 10 (E) One member shall represent the Hawaii sexual and
- 11 gender minority workgroup of the department of
- 12 health.
- 13 (c) The governor shall appoint members of the commission:
- 14 (1) On the basis of their interest and knowledge in, and
- 15 their ability to make contributions to, the solution
- 16 of problems relating to the status of the lesbian,
- 17 gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community; and
- 18 (2) That reflect the diversity of the lesbian, gay,
- 19 bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community by
- 20 including individuals from different lesbian, gay,
- 21 bisexual, transgender, queer, plus identities.



1 (d) A chairperson of the commission shall be elected  
2 annually from the eight appointed members of the commission. A  
3 quorum to do business or validate any act of the commission  
4 shall consist of a majority of the eight appointed members of  
5 the commission.

6 § -4 Compensation. The members of the commission shall  
7 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,  
8 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of  
9 their duties.

10 § -5 Powers and duties of the commission. The  
11 commission shall:

- 12 (1) Act as a central clearinghouse and coordinating body  
13 for governmental and nongovernmental activities and  
14 information relating to the status of the lesbian,  
15 gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community in  
16 the State;
- 17 (2) Create public awareness and understanding of the  
18 responsibilities, needs, potentials, and contributions  
19 of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,  
20 plus community and their roles in the changing  
21 society;



- 1           (3) Recommend legislative and administrative action on  
2           equal treatment and opportunities for members of the  
3           lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus  
4           community;
- 5           (4) Encourage a long-range program of education of members  
6           of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,  
7           plus community in their political rights and  
8           responsibilities, particularly with respect to their  
9           voting duties;
- 10          (5) Maintain contacts with appropriate federal, state,  
11          local, and international agencies concerned with the  
12          status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,  
13          queer, plus community;
- 14          (6) Cooperate and collaborate with national groups on the  
15          status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,  
16          queer, plus community and arrange for participation by  
17          representatives of the State in White House  
18          conferences and other national conferences;
- 19          (7) Administer funds allocated for the commission's work,  
20          including accepting, disbursing, and allocating funds  
21          that may become available from other governmental and



1 private sources; provided that all funds shall be  
2 disbursed or allocated in compliance with any specific  
3 designation stated by the donor; provided further that  
4 in the absence of any specific designation, the funds  
5 shall be disbursed or allocated to projects related to  
6 any of the purposes of this chapter; and  
7 (8) Submit to the governor and legislature an annual  
8 report with recommendations."  
9 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



S.B. NO. 2670  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 16 day of June, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige", with a stylized flourish at the end.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII




**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2670, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives