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 [\(\(\frac{(b)}{c}\)] (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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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 on July 1, 2050.

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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. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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