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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

April 19, 2023

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

✓ The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second 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 April 19, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

SB179

RELATING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES.
ACT 014

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on APR 19 2023

THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

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JAN 19 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " ~~[+]§11-10.5[+]~~ **Statewide ~~[voters with special]~~ elections**
4 **accessibility needs advisory committee**. (a) There is
5 established a statewide ~~[voters with special]~~ elections
6 accessibility needs advisory committee within the office of
7 elections for administrative purposes. The purpose of the
8 advisory committee is to ensure equal and independent access to
9 voter registration, casting of ballots, and all other office of
10 elections services.

11 (b) The advisory committee shall consist of five members
12 appointed by the governor based on recommendations from
13 organizations within the State that are comprised of a majority
14 of officers and members who are persons with ~~[physical]~~
15 disabilities including visual impairment. Each member shall
16 identify as a voter with ~~[special]~~ accessibility needs arising
17 from ~~[physical]~~ disabilities including visual and hearing



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1 impairments that require an accommodation to vote. The terms of
2 advisory committee members shall be four years; provided that
3 initial terms shall be one, two, three, or four years to ensure
4 staggered rotation of members.

5 (c) The advisory committee shall meet at least annually to
6 review election procedures, services, and technology and access
7 to information, and shall make recommendations to the office of
8 elections on at least an annual basis. The advisory committee
9 may meet and subsequently make recommendations at additional
10 times as determined by a majority of the members."

11 SECTION 2. Section 11-10.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "[+]§11-10.6[+] County [~~voters with special~~] elections
14 accessibility needs advisory committees. (a) Each county shall
15 establish a county [~~voters with special~~] elections accessibility
16 needs advisory committee. The purpose of the advisory committee
17 shall be to ensure equal and independent access to voter
18 registration, casting of ballots, and all other county elections
19 division services.

20 (b) Each advisory committee shall consist of five members
21 appointed by the mayor of each respective county based on



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1 recommendations from organizations within the county that are
 2 comprised of a majority of officers and members who are persons
 3 with [~~physical~~] disabilities including visual impairment. Each
 4 member shall identify as a voter with [~~special~~] accessibility
 5 needs arising from [~~physical~~] disabilities including visual and
 6 hearing impairments which require an accommodation to vote. The
 7 terms of advisory committee members shall be four years;
 8 provided that initial terms shall be one, two, three, or four
 9 years to ensure staggered rotation of members.

10 (c) Each advisory committee shall meet at least annually
 11 to review election procedures, services, and technology and
 12 access to information, and shall make recommendations to the
 13 office of elections on at least an annual basis. The advisory
 14 committees may meet and subsequently make recommendations at
 15 additional times as determined by a majority of the members."

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

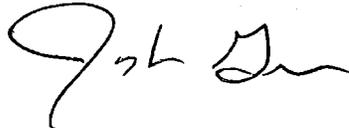
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By Request



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APPROVED this 19th day of April, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "G".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: March 3, 2023
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.

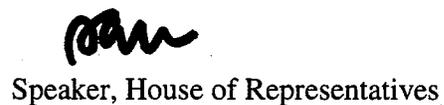

President of the Senate

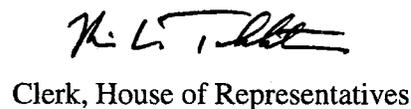

Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: **MAR 30 2023**
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.


Speaker, House of Representatives


Clerk, House of Representatives