

JAN 20 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 352D-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§352D-11[+] Youth commission. (a) There is
4 established within the office of youth services, for
5 administrative purposes only, a youth commission to advise the
6 governor and legislature on the effects of legislative policies,
7 needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning
8 the youth of the State.

9 (b) The commission shall:

10 (1) Respond to requests for comment and recommendation on
11 matters referred to it by the governor or legislature;

12 (2) Conduct research and community outreach regarding the
13 needs of the youth of Hawaii, including but not
14 limited to increasing youth participation in
15 government and public policy;

16 (3) Make recommendations addressing the concerns and needs
17 of the youth of Hawaii; and



1 (4) Report to the governor and legislature the activities,
2 goals, and accomplishments of the commission by July 1
3 of each calendar year beginning on July 1, 2019.

4 (c) The youth commission shall consist of fifteen members
5 between the ages of fourteen and twenty-four and shall not be
6 subject to section 26-34. Of the members:

7 (1) Five members shall be appointed by the governor;
8 provided that the governor shall ensure that each
9 county is represented by at least one appointee;
10 provided further that the governor shall ensure that
11 at least one member is a previous recipient of youth
12 services;

13 (2) Five members shall be appointed by the president of
14 the senate; and

15 (3) Five members shall be appointed by the speaker of the
16 house of representatives;

17 provided that the president of the senate and the speaker of the
18 house of representatives shall appoint members representing the
19 diversity of the State.



1 (d) Each member shall be appointed for a term of two
2 years; provided that the initial terms of the appointed members
3 shall be staggered as follows:

4 (1) Six members, two each appointed by the governor, the
5 president of the senate, and the speaker of the house
6 of representatives, to serve three-year terms;

7 (2) Six members, two each appointed by the governor, the
8 president of the senate, and the speaker of the house
9 of representatives, to serve two-year terms; and

10 (3) Three members, one each appointed by the governor, the
11 president of the senate, and the speaker of the house
12 of representatives, to serve one-year terms.

13 (e) The youth commission shall annually elect a
14 chairperson.

15 (f) [~~Eight~~] A majority of the members [~~of~~] appointed to
16 the youth commission shall constitute a quorum to do business.
17 Any action taken by the commission shall be validated by a
18 simple majority of the quorum.

19 (g) The youth commission members may invite other
20 individuals to participate in commission activities as
21 temporary, nonvoting members.



1 (h) If the governor, president of the senate, or speaker
2 of the house of representatives fails to appoint a member to the
3 youth commission for any reason within six months after a
4 vacancy occurs, the commission by a majority vote may appoint a
5 person who satisfies the requirements of this section to the
6 commission to fill the vacancy.

7 (i) The youth commission may appoint an executive director
8 for the proper administration and enforcement of this section
9 without regard to chapter 76."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 869

Report Title:

Youth Commission; Quorum; Executive Director

Description:

Clarifies that a majority of the members appointed to the Youth Commission shall constitute a quorum to do business. Authorizes the Youth Commission to appoint an executive director.

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