

# H.B. NO. 2421

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii housing  
2 finance and development corporation is tasked with developing  
3 and financing low- and moderate- income housing projects and  
4 administering homeownership programs. The purpose of this Act  
5 is to add the chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission, or  
6 the chairperson's designee, to the board of directors of the  
7 Hawaii housing finance and development corporation as an  
8 exofficio nonvoting member.

9           SECTION 2. Section 201H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by amending subsections (a), (b), and (c) to read as  
11 follows:

12           "(a) There is created a board of directors of the Hawaii  
13 housing finance and development corporation consisting of [~~nine~~]  
14 ten members, of whom six shall be public members appointed by  
15 the governor as provided in section 26-34. At least four of the  
16 public members shall have knowledge and expertise in public or  
17 private financing and development of affordable housing. Public

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1 members shall be appointed from each of the counties of  
2 Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. At least one public member  
3 shall represent community advocates for low-income housing,  
4 affiliated with private nonprofit organizations that serve the  
5 residents of low-income housing. The public members of the  
6 board shall serve four-year staggered terms; provided that the  
7 initial appointments shall be as follows:

- 8 (1) Two members to be appointed for four years;
- 9 (2) Two members to be appointed for three years; and
- 10 (3) Two members to be appointed for two years.

11 The director of business, economic development, and tourism and  
12 the director of finance, or their designated representatives,  
13 and a representative of the governor's office, shall be ex  
14 officio[+], [+]  
15 officio nonvoting members. The chairperson of the Hawaiian  
16 homes commission or the chairperson's designee shall serve as an  
17 ex officio nonvoting member. The corporation shall be headed by  
18 the board.

19 (b) The board of directors shall select a chairperson and  
20 vice chairperson from among its members; provided that the  
21 chairperson shall be a public member. The director of business,  
22 economic development, and tourism, director of finance,  
chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission, and the governor's

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1 representative shall be ineligible to serve as chairperson of  
2 the board.

3 (c) [~~Five~~] Six members shall constitute a quorum, whose  
4 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all actions by the  
5 corporation. The members shall receive no compensation for  
6 services, but shall be entitled to necessary expenses, including  
7 travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties."

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 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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**Report Title:**

HHFDC Board of Directors; Membership

**Description:**

Adds the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the Chairperson's designee to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation as an ex officio nonvoting member.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Hawaiian Home Lands

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

PURPOSE: To add the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the Chairperson's designee as an ex officio nonvoting member to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's board of directors.

MEANS: Amend section 201H-3(a), (b), and (c), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: Allowing the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the Chairperson's designee to serve as an ex officio nonvoting member on the board of directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation would provide an opportunity for the Chairperson or the Chairperson's designee to participate in setting policies, defining uses, and establishing priorities and procedures for the development, subdivision, and construction of dwelling units in housing projects in which the State, through the Corporation, shall participate.

Impact on the public: This bill protects the interests of beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, by allowing the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the Chairperson's designee to serve as an ex officio nonvoting member on the board of directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Impact on the department and other agencies: An additional member would serve as an ex officio nonvoting member on the board of directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: HHL 625.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
Corporation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.