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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that each of the islands
2 of the State has different water resources, and therefore unique
3 agricultural issues. The legislature further finds that the
4 complex needs of each island's agricultural community would be
5 better addressed by proper representation on the board of
6 agriculture.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to amend the
8 composition of the board of agriculture by requiring
9 representation from the islands of Molokai and Lanai.

10 SECTION 2. Section 26-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) The department of agriculture shall be headed by an
13 executive board to be known as the board of agriculture. The
14 board shall consist of [~~ten~~] twelve members:

15 (1) One who shall be a resident of the [~~county~~] island of
16 Hawaii;



1 (2) One who shall be a resident of the [~~county~~] island of
2 Maui;

3 (3) One who shall be a resident of the [~~county~~] island of
4 Kauai;

5 (4) One who shall be a resident of the island of Molokai;

6 (5) One who shall be a resident of the island of Lanai;

7 [~~4~~] (6) Four at large; and

8 [~~5~~] (7) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
9 resources; the director of business, economic
10 development, and tourism; and the dean of the
11 University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture
12 and human resources, or their designated
13 representatives, who shall serve as ex officio[+], [+]
14 voting members.

15 The majority of the members of the board shall be from the
16 agricultural community or the agricultural support sector. The
17 appointment, tenure, and removal of the members and the filling
18 of vacancies on the board shall be as provided in section 26-34.
19 The governor shall appoint a chairperson of the board from the
20 members."



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1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Board of Agriculture; Members; Molokai; Lanai

Description:

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