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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§26- Boards and commissions; absence of chairperson;
5 assumption of authority and duties; priority. (a) In the
6 absence of the chairperson and all co-chairpersons at a hearing
7 or meeting of a board or commission, the authority and duties of
8 the chairperson shall be assumed by a member of the board or
9 commission in the following order of priority:

10 (1) Deputy to the chairperson;

11 (2) Vice chairperson; and

12 (3) The most tenured member.

13 (b) No staff member of a board or commission shall assume
14 the duties of the chairperson of the board or commission in the
15 chairperson's absence.



1 (c) For the purposes of this section, "most tenured
2 member" means the member who has the longest period of current
3 continuous service on the board or commission."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Boards; Commissions; Absence of Chairperson; Assumption of Duties

Description:

Establishes the priority of who may assume the authority and duties of a chairperson of a board or commission in the chairperson's and all co-chairperson's absence at a hearing or meeting of a board or commission. Prohibits staff members from assuming the authority and duties of the chairperson of a board or commission.

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