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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

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

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

4           "§26-       Governor's senior advisor for mental health and  
5 the justice system. The governor, with the advice and consent  
6 of the senate and without regard to chapter 76, may appoint a  
7 senior advisor for mental health and the justice system.

8           §26-       Senior advisors to the governor; advice and  
9 consent of senate required. Any person who is appointed by the  
10 governor to serve as a senior adviser to the governor shall be  
11 subject to the advice and consent of the senate."

12          SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
14 and to read as follows:

15          "§346-       Deputy directors; advice and consent of senate  
16 required. Any person who is appointed to serve as the first  
17 deputy director of the department shall be subject to the advice



1 and consent of the senate; provided that if there is more than  
2 one deputy director and no deputy director is designated as the  
3 first deputy director, then all persons holding the title of  
4 deputy director shall be subject to the advice and consent of  
5 the senate."

6 SECTION 3. Section 346-381.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "~~§~~**346-381.5**~~§~~ **Governor's coordinator on homelessness.**

9 The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall  
10 appoint the governor's coordinator on homelessness for the  
11 proper administration and enforcement of this chapter without  
12 regard to chapter 76."

13 SECTION 4. (a) No later than the forty-first day of the  
14 regular session of 2026, the governor shall transmit governor's  
15 messages to the senate president containing nominations for each  
16 person who was appointed to their position before the effective  
17 date of this Act and whose position is made subject to senate  
18 advice and consent by this Act.

19 (b) No person nominated pursuant to subsection (a) shall  
20 continue to serve in that person's position after the



1 adjournment sine die of the regular session of 2026 unless the  
2 person obtains the advice and consent of the senate.

3 SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act, or the  
4 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held  
5 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or  
6 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the  
7 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions  
8 of this Act are severable.

9 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 1611

**Report Title:**

Government Positions; Senate; Advice and Consent; Senior Advisors; Deputy Director of Human Services

**Description:**

Requires a person appointed to serve as the Governor's Senior Advisor for Mental Health and the Justice System, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, or another position that serves as a senior advisor to the Governor to obtain the advice and consent of the Senate. Requires the First Deputy Director of Human Services to obtain the advice and consent of the Senate; provided that if there is more than 1 deputy director in the Department of Human Services and no deputy director is designated as the 1st deputy director, then all persons holding the title of deputy director must obtain the advice and consent of the Senate.

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