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

12 SECTION 2. Section 346-381.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "~~§~~346-381.5~~§~~ Governor's coordinator on homelessness.
15 The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall
16 appoint the governor's coordinator on homelessness for the



1 proper administration and enforcement of this chapter without
2 regard to chapter 76."

3 SECTION 3. (a) No later than the forty-first day of the
4 regular session of 2026, the governor shall transmit governor's
5 messages to the senate president containing nominations for each
6 person who was appointed to their position before the effective
7 date of this Act and whose position is made subject to senate
8 advice and consent by this Act.

9 (b) No person nominated pursuant to subsection (a) shall
10 continue to serve in that person's position after the
11 adjournment sine die of the regular session of 2026 unless the
12 person obtains the advice and consent of the senate.

13 SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act, or the
14 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
15 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
16 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
17 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
18 of this Act are severable.

19 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2491.



Report Title:

Gubernatorial Appointments; Senate; Advice and Consent; Senior Advisors

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. Effective 1/1/2491. (SD1)

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