

JAN 17 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS.

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 part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§26- Gubernatorial appointments; salaries; senate
5 confirmation. (a) Any person appointed by the governor to
6 serve in the executive branch shall obtain the advice and
7 consent of the senate if the person's annual salary is greater
8 than or equal to the annual salary of:

9 (1) The governor, if the person is appointed to serve in
10 the office of the governor; or

11 (2) The head of the principal department in which the
12 person will serve; provided that if a person is
13 appointed by the governor to serve in an executive
14 branch agency that is attached to a principal
15 department for administrative purposes, that person
16 shall be subject to this paragraph if the person's
17 annual salary will be greater than or equal to the



1 annual salary of the head of the principal department
2 to which the agency is attached for administrative
3 purposes.

4 (b) This section shall not apply to the position of
5 administrative director pursuant to article V, section 5, of the
6 state constitution.

7 (c) If a person who would be subject to senate
8 confirmation under this section is required to obtain the advice
9 and consent of the senate under any other law, the provisions of
10 that law shall supersede any conflicting provisions of this
11 section.

12 (d) As used in this section:

13 "Person appointed by the governor to serve in the executive
14 branch" means a person appointed by the governor to serve in a
15 salaried position in the executive branch that is not subject to
16 chapter 76.

17 "Principal department" means a principal department
18 described in section 26-4."

19 SECTION 2. (a) No later than the forty-first day of the
20 regular session of 2026, the governor shall transmit governor's
21 messages to the senate president containing nominations for each



1 gubernatorial appointee who was appointed to their position
2 before the effective date of this Act and whose annual salary is
3 greater than or equal to the annual salary of:

4 (1) The governor, if the person was appointed to serve in
5 the office of the governor; or

6 (2) The head of the principal department in which the
7 person is serving; provided that if a person was
8 appointed by the governor to serve in an executive
9 branch agency that is attached to a principal
10 department for administrative purposes, that person
11 shall be subject to this paragraph if the person's
12 annual salary is greater than or equal to the annual
13 salary of the head of the principal department to
14 which the agency is attached for administrative
15 purposes.

16 (b) No gubernatorial appointee nominated pursuant to
17 subsection (a) shall continue to serve in that person's position
18 after the adjournment sine die of the regular session of 2026
19 unless the person obtains the advice and consent of the senate.

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Gubernatorial Appointments; Salaries; Senate Confirmation

Description:

Requires a person appointed to serve in the executive branch to obtain the advice and consent of the Senate if that person's salary is greater than or equal to: (1) The Governor's salary, if the person is appointed to serve in the Office of the Governor; or (2) The salary of the head of the principal department in which the person will serve.

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