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# 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; advisors; salaries;  
5 senate confirmation. (a) Any appointment of a person by the  
6 governor to serve in the executive branch in the position of an  
7 advisor shall be subject to the advice and consent of the senate  
8 if the person's annual salary is greater than \$200,000, and is  
9 not paid from the governor's budget.

10 (b) This section shall not apply to the position of  
11 administrative director pursuant to article V, section 5, of the  
12 Hawaii State Constitution.

13 (c) If a person who would be subject to senate  
14 confirmation under this section is required to obtain the advice  
15 and consent of the senate under any other law, the provisions of  
16 that law shall supersede any conflicting provisions of this  
17 section.



1        (d) For the purposes of this section, "person appointed by  
2 the governor to serve in the executive branch" means a person  
3 appointed by the governor to serve in a salaried position in the  
4 executive branch that is not subject to chapter 76."

5        SECTION 2. (a) No later than the forty-first day of the  
6 regular session of 2026, the governor shall transmit governor's  
7 messages to the senate president containing nominations for each  
8 gubernatorial appointee who was appointed to their advisor  
9 position in the executive branch before the effective date of  
10 this Act and whose annual salary is greater than \$200,000, and  
11 is not paid from the governor's budget.

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

16        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2491.



**Report Title:**

Governor; Gubernatorial Appointments; Salaries; Senate Confirmation; Governor's Messages

**Description:**

Requires any appointment of a person by the Governor to serve in the Executive Branch in the position of an advisor to be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate if that person's salary is greater than \$200,000, and is not paid from the Governor's budget. Requires the Governor to transmit Governor's Messages to the Senate President containing nominations for each gubernatorial appointee who was appointed to their advisor position before the effective date of this Act and whose salary is greater than \$200,000, and is not paid from the Governor's budget. Effective 1/1/2491. (SD1)

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