
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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