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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 11-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       "**§11-7.5 Duties of the elections commission.** The duties  
4 of the elections commission are to:

5       (1) Hold public hearings;

6       (2) Investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence  
7 of any violations and complaints;

8       (3) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91;

9       (4) Employ, without regard to chapter 76, a full-time  
10 chief election officer, pursuant to section 11-1.6;  
11 provided that the chief election officer who passes  
12 the standard state probationary period may only be  
13 terminated for cause;

14       (5) Conduct a performance evaluation of the chief election  
15 officer within two months after the date a general  
16 election is certified;



1 (6) Hold a public hearing on the performance of the chief  
2 election officer and consider the information gathered  
3 at the hearing in deliberations on the chief election  
4 officer's reappointment; provided that the chief  
5 election officer who passes the standard state  
6 probationary period may only be terminated for cause;  
7 and

8 (7) Advise the chief election officer on matters relating  
9 to elections."

10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 2466

**Report Title:**

Elections Commission; Chief Election Officer; Termination

**Description:**

Specifies that the Chief Election office who passes the standard state probationary period may only be terminated for cause.

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