
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is critical that
2 high-level officials within the executive branch be answerable
3 to the needs of the entire State. To promote accountability and
4 to ensure that these positions are filled by qualified
5 individuals is to require appointments to these positions to be
6 subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

8 (1) Require any person in a position that is not subject
9 to the civil service law to obtain the advice and
10 consent of the senate if the person:

11 (A) Is appointed by the governor to serve in the
12 executive branch; or

13 (B) Is appointed pursuant to section 346-381.5,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

15 (2) Require persons currently serving in positions that
16 are made subject to the advice and consent of the
17 senate by this Act to obtain the advice and consent of



1 the senate during the regular session of 2027 unless
2 the appointee was subject to the advice and consent of
3 the senate.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
5 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§26- Gubernatorial appointments; salaries; senate

8 confirmation. (a) Any person who:

9 (1) Is appointed by the governor to serve in the executive
10 branch; or

11 (2) Is appointed pursuant to section 346-381.5,
12 shall obtain the advice and consent of the senate.

13 (b) 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.

18 (c) For the purposes of this section, a "person who is
19 appointed by the governor to serve in the executive branch"
20 means a person appointed by the governor to serve in a salaried



1 position in the executive branch that is not subject to
2 chapter 76."

3 SECTION 3. (a) No later than the forty-first day of the
4 regular session of 2027, the governor shall transmit governor's
5 messages to the senate president containing nominations for each
6 gubernatorial appointee who was appointed to their position
7 before the effective date of this Act, is still serving in the
8 appointed position, and:

9 (1) Was appointed by the governor to serve in the
10 executive branch; or

11 (2) Was appointed pursuant to section 346-381.5, Hawaii
12 Revised Statutes;

13 provided that this subsection shall not apply to any
14 gubernatorial appointee who was subject to the advice and
15 consent of the senate.

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 2027
19 unless the appointment of the person obtains the advice and
20 consent of the senate.

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2525.



Report Title:

Gubernatorial Appointments; Salaries; Senate Confirmation;
Advice and Consent

Description:

Requires any person in a position that is not subject to the civil service law to obtain the advice and consent of the senate if the person is appointed by the governor to serve in the executive branch or is appointed pursuant to section 346-381.5, HRS. Requires persons currently serving in positions made subject to the advice and consent of the Senate by this Act to obtain the advice and consent of the Senate during the Regular Session of 2027 unless the appointee was subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)

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