

A Bill for an Act Relating to County Committees on the Status of Women.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this bill is to amend the structure of the county committees on the status of women to make them more directly responsive to the mayor and the county council of their respective counties.

SECTION 2. Section 367-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 367-4 County committees on status of women, membership, organization, etc. The mayor of each county shall appoint a county committee on the status of women charged with the duty and responsibility of developing such information as the state commission on the status of women requires or as such committee deems advisable concerning the status of women within the respective counties; and such other appropriate duties and responsibilities as may be deemed necessary by each county. The committees shall submit to the state commission, plans and proposals affecting the status of women in the several counties. Each county committee shall endeavor to secure the widest possible citizen participation in its efforts and for this purpose may utilize existing public or private organizations. The membership of each county committee shall include, ex-officio, the county attorney or corporation counsel; the senior county representative of the office of children and youth; and the county representative of the commission on the status of women. The other members shall be selected on the basis of their interest and knowledge in, and their ability to make contributions to, the solution of problems relating to the status of women within the county and their knowledge of local conditions. The chairman shall be elected annually from the non-governmental members of the committee. One-third of the non-governmental members of the county committees shall be appointed initially for the term of four years, one-third for the term of three years, and one-third for the term of two years, and thereafter the terms of office of each member shall be four years. Each county committee shall meet at least four times a year. The members of the county committees shall receive no compensation for their services. The respective county legislative bodies are authorized to make appropriations to meet the necessary expenses of such committees.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

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

(Approved June 8, 1979.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.