

ACT 194

H.B. NO. 453

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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

SECTION 1. Section 279E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“[[]§279E-3[]] Metropolitan Planning Organization Membership. The MPO shall consist of a policy committee and appropriate staff. The MPO policy committee shall consist of [nineteen] thirteen members. These members shall include: [nine] five members of the legislative body of the appropriate county; [five] three members of the state senate [who are residents of the county and who are], one of whom shall be chairperson of the senate committee with primary responsibility for transportation issues, and the other two of whom shall be appointed by the senate president; and [five] three members of the state house of representatives [who are residents of the county and who are], one of whom shall be the chairperson of the committee of the house of representatives with primary responsibility for transportation issues, and the other two of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house[.]; one member appointed by the governor; and one member appointed by the mayor of the city and county of Honolulu.

Each member of the MPO policy committee who is a member of the state legislature or the legislative body of the county shall serve for the same term as the term of office for which [he] the member is elected. There shall be no

remuneration for this service. [Each member shall be appointed or selected within sixty days of the effective date of this chapter.]

Vacancies in the MPO policy committee which occur shall be filled in the same manner in which the original member was appointed."

SECTION 2. Section 279E-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[[]§279E-4[]] **Chairperson: function and term of office.** The members of the MPO policy committee shall elect annually a chairperson on a rotating basis[. No member shall serve as chairperson for more than one year per term of appointment.] between the members of the state legislature and the legislative body of the appropriate county.

The chairperson shall place on the agenda for full hearing any issue, project, or subject matter relating to transportation which is requested by at least [five] three members of the MPO policy committee."

SECTION 3. Section 279E-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[[]§279E-6[]] **Meetings.** [The MPO policy committee shall meet no less than twice a quarter.] Notice of MPO policy committee meetings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least forty-eight hours in advance and such meetings shall be open to the public.

Where the MPO makes a decision concerning input to any of its advisory plans or procedures or any other matter, then there shall be at least [seven legislative members and five city or county council members of the] six members of the MPO policy committee present [and the], of whom at least three shall be legislative members and at least three shall be county members. The decision [must] shall be made by a majority vote of the [entire membership of the MPO.] members present.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1986.

(Approved June 3, 1985.)