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S.B. NO. 1245

A Bill for an Act Relating to Social Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 347D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§347D-1 Hawaii state coordinating council on deafness; establishment.

(a) There is established a Hawaii state coordinating council on deafness within the department of health for administrative purposes. The council shall consist of:

- (1) Seven representatives of state or county agencies;
- (2) Seven members who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind, or who are immediate family members of deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind persons, of which two may be certified or locally screened interpreters; and
- (3) Seven members of the public who have an interest in deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind persons, of which two may be certified or locally screened interpreters.] thirteen members, seven of whom shall be deaf, hard-of hearing, or deaf-blind persons, or immediate family members of deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind persons. Two members may be certified or locally screened interpreters.

(b) Members shall be appointed by the governor without the necessity of the advice and consent of the senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(c) Members appointed shall include at least one resident from each of the counties of Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.

(d) Seven or more members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business and a concurrence of the majority of the members of the quorum shall be necessary to validate any act of the council.

[(c)] (e) Members shall elect the officers of the council.

[(d)] (f) Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

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[(e)] (g) Interpreters who serve as [voting] council members shall not be hired to interpret at any council meetings.”

SECTION 2. Section 348E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§348E-2 **Commission on persons with disabilities.** There is established the commission on persons with disabilities within the department of health for administrative purposes, to be composed of [fifteen] nine members to be appointed by the governor for staggered terms subject to section 26-34. The members of the commission shall include at least [nine] five persons with various disabling conditions, or parents[,] or guardians of persons with disabilities. [The directors of health, human services, labor and industrial relations, human resources development, transportation, the comptroller, the superintendent of education, and the president of the University of Hawaii or their representatives shall be ex officio nonvoting members.] The members appointed shall include at least one resident from each of the counties of Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. [Eight voting] Five or more members shall constitute a quorum to do business and a concurrence of the majority of the [voting] members of the quorum shall be necessary to validate any act of the commission.

The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed their necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, including travel expenses. The chairperson shall be elected annually by the members; provided that [only nongovernmental members shall be elected chairperson; and provided further that] no member may serve as chairperson for more than two consecutive [years.] terms.”

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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1995.

(Approved June 7, 1995.)