

ACT 342

H.B. NO. 1006

A Bill for an Act Relating to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§26-11 University of Hawaii. (a) The University of Hawaii shall be headed by an executive board to be known as the board of regents.

The board shall consist of [eleven] twelve members. No more than six of the members shall be members of the same political party and at least part of the membership of the board shall represent geographic subdivisions of the State. At least one member shall be a University of Hawaii student at the time of the initial appointment. This member may be reappointed for one additional term even though the member may no longer be a student at the time of reappointment.

The board shall have power, in accordance with the Constitution of the State and with law, to formulate policy, and to exercise control over the university through its executive officer, the president of the university. The board shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the internal organization and management of the university.

- (b) The board of regents shall appoint and may remove[:
 - (1) An] an executive officer to be known as the president of the University of Hawaii]; and
 - (2) An ex officio student member as a representative to each of its standing committees except the committee on personnel relations; provided that the board may appoint the same student member to each of its standing committees or may appoint more than one student member to any one standing committee. The student member shall be a nonvoting member

of the standing committee and shall be excluded from executive sessions. For the purposes of this section, the student member's presence shall not count toward a quorum as defined in section 92-15].

The University of Hawaii as heretofore constituted as a body corporate is continued as the University of Hawaii established by this chapter."

SECTION 2. Section 304-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§304-3 Regents; appointment; tenure; qualifications; meetings. The affairs of the university shall be under the general management and control of the board of regents consisting of [eleven] ~~twelve~~ members who shall be appointed and may be removed by the governor. [After April 18, 1984, the] The term of each member shall be for four years[.]; provided that the term of the student member shall be for two years. Except as otherwise provided by statute, state officers shall be eligible to appointment and membership. Every member may serve beyond the expiration date of the member's term of appointment until the member's successor has been appointed and has qualified. The board shall at its first meeting after June 30, elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson, who shall serve until adjournment of its first meeting after June 30 of the next year or thereafter until their successors are appointed and have qualified and whose election shall be immediately certified by the board to the [lieutenant governor.] chief election officer. The board shall appoint a secretary, who shall not be a member of the board. The president of the university shall act as executive officer of the board. The board shall meet not less often than ten times annually, and may from time to time meet in each of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.

The members of the board shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to their traveling expenses within the State when attending meetings of the board or when actually engaged in business relating to the work of the board."

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

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

(Approved July 2, 1997.)