

ACT 82

S.B. NO. 1312

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 173A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

““Commission” means the legacy land conservation commission.”

SECTION 2. Section 173A-2.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There is established within the department of land and natural resources a legacy land conservation commission. The commission shall consist of nine members, with at least one member from each of the counties, who shall be appointed in the manner and serve for the term set forth in section 26-34 as follows:

- (1) Four of the members of the commission shall be persons possessing scientific qualifications as evidenced by an academic degree in wild-life or marine biology, botany, forestry, ecology, resource management, biogeography, zoology, or geology;
- (2) One member shall be a person possessing membership in an environmental organization organized in the State;
- (3) One member shall be a person possessing membership in a land conservation organization organized in the State;
- (4) One member shall be a person possessing membership in a state-wide agricultural association; and
- (5) One member shall be a person knowledgeable about native Hawaiian culture.

The chairperson of the natural area reserves system commission, or the chairperson’s designated representative from the natural area reserves system commission, shall serve as an ex officio voting member [~~and the chairperson of the commission~~]. The members of the commission shall elect the chairperson of the commission. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission but shall be entitled to reimbursement for

necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of their duties.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved April 26, 2012.)