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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 348-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established within the department a state  
4 rehabilitation council. The council shall consist of twenty-one  
5 members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34  
6 and without regard to section 78-4. The members shall include:

7 (1) At least one representative of a parent training and  
8 information center;

9 (2) At least one representative of the client assistance  
10 program;

11 (3) At least one qualified vocational rehabilitation  
12 counselor with knowledge of and experience with  
13 vocational rehabilitation programs, who shall serve as  
14 an ex officio, nonvoting member if employed by the  
15 vocational rehabilitation division of the department;

16 (4) At least one representative of community  
17 rehabilitation program service providers;

18 (5) Four representatives of business, industry, and labor;



- 1 (6) Representatives of disability advocacy groups  
2 representing a cross section of individuals with  
3 physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities,  
4 and parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or  
5 authorized representatives of individuals with  
6 disabilities who have difficulty in representing  
7 themselves or are unable due to their disabilities to  
8 represent themselves;
- 9 (7) Current or former applicants for or recipients of  
10 vocational rehabilitation services;
- 11 (8) At least one representative of the state educational  
12 agency responsible for the public education of  
13 students with disabilities;
- 14 (9) At least one representative of the state workforce  
15 development council; and
- 16 (10) The administrator of the vocational rehabilitation  
17 division of the department, who shall be an ex  
18 officio, nonvoting member;
- 19 provided that the council shall include at least one member from  
20 each county; and provided further that a majority of the council  
21 members shall be persons who have disabilities and are not  
22 employed by the vocational rehabilitation division of the



1 department. The council members shall elect a chairperson from  
2 the membership. Each member of the council shall serve a three-  
3 year term but may not serve more than two consecutive full  
4 terms. Any vacancy occurring in the council membership shall be  
5 filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except  
6 that the governor may delegate the authority to fill such a  
7 vacancy to the remaining members of the council after making the  
8 original appointment.

9 The minimum number of members necessary to constitute a  
10 quorum to do business shall be ten. The number of votes  
11 necessary to validate any action of the council shall be the  
12 concurrence of at least a majority of quorum."

13 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
15 provided that this Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2013, and  
16 section 348-8(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in  
17 the form in which it read on the day before the effective date  
18 of this Act.



**Report Title:**

State Rehabilitation Council

**Description:**

Establishes the minimum number of members necessary to constitute a quorum to do business at ten. Establishes the number of votes necessary to validate any action of the Council as the concurrence of at least a majority of quorum. Repeal June 30, 2013. (SB1417 HD1)

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