
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to create an ‘aha
2 kiolo advisory council, to be located within the department of
3 land and natural resources and which may serve in an advisory
4 capacity to the office of the chairperson of the board of land
5 and natural resources and the legislature. The ‘aha kiolo
6 advisory council may advise the office of the chairperson of the
7 board of land and natural resources and the legislature on
8 issues related to land and natural resource management through
9 the ‘aha moku system, a system of best practices that is based
10 upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku
11 (regional) boundaries, that acknowledges the natural contours of
12 land, the specific resources located within those areas, and the
13 methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community.

14 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the ‘aha kiolo
15 advisory council to be placed within the department of land and
16 natural resources for administrative purposes as provided in
17 section 26-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The ‘aha kiolo advisory



1 council may advise the office of the chairperson of the board of
2 land and natural resources and the legislature in carrying out
3 the purposes of this Act. The 'aha kiole advisory council shall
4 consist of eight members selected by the 'aha moku councils of
5 the respective islands without regard to sections 26-34 and
6 78-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The 'aha kiole advisory council
7 members shall select the chairperson of the 'aha kiole advisory
8 council. The 'aha kiole advisory council members shall not
9 receive compensation for their service but may be reimbursed for
10 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred while
11 attending meetings approved in advance by the office of the
12 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources.

13 (b) The 'aha kiole advisory council shall select an
14 executive director.

15 (c) The 'aha kiole advisory council may:

- 16 (1) Provide advisory input based upon the indigenous
17 resource management practices of each moku to the
18 office of the chairperson of the board of land and
19 natural resources and the legislature;
- 20 (2) Aid in the implementation of a comprehensive set of
21 best practices for natural resource management;



- 1 (3) Foster the understanding and practical use of
- 2 knowledge, including native Hawaiian methodology and
- 3 expertise;
- 4 (4) Ensure the future sustainable use of the State's
- 5 marine, land, cultural, agricultural, and natural
- 6 resources;
- 7 (5) Enhance community education and cultural awareness;
- 8 (6) Participate in the protection and preservation of the
- 9 State's natural resources;
- 10 (7) Engage in discussion with, and participate in meetings
- 11 and events held by, the various moku statewide; and
- 12 (8) Establish an administrative structure that oversees
- 13 the 'aha moku system.
- 14 (d) The 'aha kiole advisory council shall submit an annual
- 15 report in English and Hawaiian to the office of the chairperson
- 16 of the board of land and natural resources and the legislature
- 17 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular
- 18 session. The annual report shall include a list of all
- 19 recommendations made by the 'aha kiole advisory council and the
- 20 resulting action taken by the department of land and natural
- 21 resources over the course of the year.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the land
2 conservation fund, established by section 173A-5, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes, the sum of \$64,500 or so much thereof as may be
4 necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
6 funding for an executive director of the 'aha kiole advisory
7 council.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Aha Kiole Advisory Council; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the aha kiole advisory council, which may advise the Office of the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Legislature on issues related to land and natural resource management through the aha moku system. Requires the aha kiole advisory council to submit an annual report to the Office of the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Legislature at least 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session, on all recommendations made by the aha kiole advisory council and the resulting action taken by the Department of Land and Natural Resources over the course of the year. Appropriates funds for an executive director. (CD1)

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