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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 171-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~+~~§171-4.5~~+~~ **Aha moku advisory committee; established.**

4           (a) There is established the aha moku advisory committee to be  
5 placed within the department [~~of land and natural resources~~] for  
6 administrative purposes. The committee may advise the  
7 chairperson of the board [~~of land and natural resources~~] in  
8 carrying out the purposes of this section.

9           (b) The committee shall consist of eight members appointed  
10 by the governor and confirmed by the senate from a list of  
11 nominations submitted by the aha moku [~~councils~~] council system  
12 of each island. The term of each member shall be four years.  
13 Oversight of the aha moku advisory committee shall be by the  
14 chairperson of the board [~~of land and natural resources~~]. The  
15 committee members shall select the committee [~~chairperson~~] chair  
16 and a committee vice-chair from among the members. The role and  
17 responsibility of the chair shall be to:



- 1        (1) Chair each meeting of the committee;  
2        (2) Attend meetings of the board;  
3        (3) Provide recommendations adopted by the committee to  
4        the chairperson of the board for inclusion on the  
5        board's agenda; and  
6        (4) Provide the aha moku council system with advocacy and  
7        assistance in the development and adoption of rules  
8        that will positively impact traditional and customary  
9        practices.  
10       (c) Each member of the aha moku advisory committee shall:  
11       (1) Meet with the member's respective island moku council  
12       prior to committee meetings to gather recommendations  
13       to be submitted to the committee;  
14       (2) Prior to decision making on an agenda item, provide  
15       the member's respective island moku council with  
16       information and materials on the agenda item for which  
17       decision making is planned and gather input from the  
18       island moku council relating to the agenda item; and  
19       (3) Report to the member's respective island moku council  
20       on decisions made and action taken by the committee.



1        ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The members shall not receive compensation for  
2 their service, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,  
3 including travel expenses, incurred while participating in  
4 meetings and events approved in advance by the chairperson of  
5 the board ~~[of land and natural resources]~~.

6        The aha moku advisory committee may hire an executive  
7 ~~[director]~~ assistant who shall be exempt from chapter 76. The  
8 ~~[executive director]~~ aha moku advisory committee may hire ~~[an~~  
9 ~~administrative or executive assistant to assist the executive~~  
10 ~~director]~~ additional persons to assist the committee in  
11 accomplishing the purposes of the aha moku advisory committee[-]  
12 as mandated by this section.

13        (e) The executive assistant to the aha moku advisory  
14 committee shall provide administrative assistance to the  
15 committee. The duties of the executive assistant shall include:

- 16        (1) Preparing documents and recommendations from the aha  
17 moku council system of each island for review and  
18 adoption by the committee;  
19        (2) Providing the committee with logistical assistance  
20 including arrangements for travel and board for  
21 attendance at committee meetings and events;



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- 1        (3) Providing administrative assistance for committee  
2        meetings, including the recording of minutes and  
3        attendance and arranging of logistics for the meeting;
- 4        (4) Providing the committee members with assistance in  
5        communicating with their respective aha moku council  
6        system;
- 7        (5) Providing the committee with assistance with the  
8        general public, the chairperson of the board, and the  
9        department;
- 10       (6) Assisting the committee with the development and  
11       adoption of rules relating to the committee's  
12       functions and responsibilities;
- 13       (7) Providing the committee with administrative assistance  
14       in establishing a schedule of regular meetings;
- 15       (8) Assisting the committee with establishing and  
16       maintaining communications on each island;
- 17       (9) Assisting the committee with attending to the capacity  
18       needs of each aha moku council system as identified by  
19       the aha moku councils, to include the development and  
20       acquisition of necessary funding for the operation and  
21       activities of each moku;



1        (10) Providing the committee with a bi-annual budget for  
2        review and approval that shall be presented to the  
3        chairperson of the board for inclusion in the  
4        department's budget requests; and

5        (11) Assisting the committee in the development of other  
6        funding instruments and preparing other funding  
7        instruments for committee review and approval.

8        [~~d~~] (f) The aha moku advisory committee [may], through  
9        its chair, shall provide advice and recommendations to the  
10       chairperson of the board on the following:

- 11       (1) Integrating indigenous resource management practices
- 12       with western management practices in each moku;
- 13       (2) Identifying a comprehensive set of indigenous
- 14       practices for natural resource management;
- 15       (3) Fostering the understanding and practical use of
- 16       native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology, and
- 17       expertise;
- 18       (4) Sustaining the State's marine, land, cultural,
- 19       agricultural, and natural resources;
- 20       (5) Providing community education and fostering cultural
- 21       awareness on the benefits of the aha moku system;



1 (6) Fostering protection and conservation of the State's  
2 natural resources; and

3 (7) Developing an administrative structure [~~that oversees~~]  
4 to establish a process for the dissemination of  
5 information and recommendations from and to the aha  
6 moku [~~system.~~] council system of each island.

7 [~~e~~] (g) The committee shall submit an annual report in  
8 English and Hawaiian to the legislature and the chairperson of  
9 the board [~~of land and natural resources~~] no later than twenty  
10 days prior to the convening of each regular legislative session.  
11 The annual report shall include a list of all recommendations  
12 made by the committee and the resulting action taken by the  
13 department over the course of the prior year."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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INTRODUCED BY:

  




# S.B. NO. 1191

**Report Title:**

Aha Moku Advisory Committee; Terms; Positions; Duties

**Description:**

Provides that the aha moku advisory committee shall appoint a chair and vice-chair. Permits the committee to hire an executive assistant in lieu of an executive director. Enumerates duties for the positions established.

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