
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HUI 'IMI ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that small business plays
2 an important role in Hawaii's economy. According to the 2017
3 Hawaii Small Business Profile, in 2014, small businesses created
4 about seven thousand new jobs and employed about fifty-two per
5 cent of the private workforce. Further, the desire for self-
6 reliance; self-determination; a healthy environment; and an
7 increased social, physical, and economic well-being for
8 individuals and families in Hawaii requires the creation of new
9 jobs, most of which will be provided by the small business
10 community.

11 The legislature also finds that Hawaiian-owned small
12 businesses are underrepresented in both Hawaii and the United
13 States. According to the United States Census Bureau's 2012
14 survey of business owners, only nine one hundredths of one per
15 cent of all businesses in the United States were by Hawaiians,
16 with more than half of these businesses located in Hawaii.
17 Moreover, the 2012 survey revealed that Hawaiian-owned



1 businesses accounted for only eleven per cent of total
2 businesses in Hawaii.

3 The legislature further finds that Act 376, Session Laws of
4 Hawaii 1997, reauthorized the Hui 'Imi task force as the Hui
5 'Imi advisory council to, among other things, produce a report
6 to the legislature and the governor to examine numerous issues
7 facing the Hawaiian community and provide recommendations. In
8 its report to the twenty-second legislature of Hawaii, the
9 council recommended that the "State should continue to support
10 the creating and expansion of Hawaiian small businesses." The
11 legislature recognizes the importance to both the State and the
12 Hawaiian community for continued state support for the expansion
13 of the Hawaiian small business community. The legislature notes
14 that, unfortunately, the Hui 'Imi advisory council is no longer
15 active.

16 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to reconvene and
17 repurpose the Hui 'Imi advisory council and require the advisory
18 council to conduct a study on the present state of Hawaiian
19 small business in Hawaii and to annually submit a report of its
20 findings to the legislature.



1 SECTION 2. Section 10-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[~~H~~]§10-18[~~+~~] Hui 'Imi advisory council. (a) There is
4 established a Hui 'Imi advisory council, to be placed within the
5 office of Hawaiian affairs for administrative purposes only.
6 The advisory council shall consist of representatives from the
7 following:

- 8 (1) Office of Hawaiian affairs;
- 9 (2) Department of education;
- 10 (3) Department of Hawaiian home lands;
- 11 (4) Department of health;
- 12 (5) Department of human services;
- 13 (6) Department of business, economic development, and
14 tourism;
- 15 (7) Department of land and natural resources;
- 16 (8) University of Hawaii;
- 17 (9) House of representatives standing committee with
18 primary jurisdiction over Hawaiian affairs; and
- 19 (10) Senate standing committee with primary jurisdiction
20 over Hawaiian affairs[~~+~~
- 21 ~~(11) Alu Like, Inc.;~~



- 1 ~~(12) The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs;~~
- 2 ~~(13) E Ola Mau;~~
- 3 ~~(14) The Kamehameha Schools;~~
- 4 ~~(15) The Lunalilo Home;~~
- 5 ~~(16) The Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program of the~~
6 ~~Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum;]~~
- 7 ~~(17) The Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation;~~
- 8 ~~(18) Papa Ola Lokahi;~~
- 9 ~~(19) The Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center;~~
- 10 ~~(20) Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; and~~
- 11 ~~(21) Any other agency, organization, or entity that~~
12 ~~expresses interest to participate in fulfilling the~~
13 ~~advisory council's mandate].~~

14 (b) The advisory council shall make a good faith effort to
15 include as members other public and private agencies,
16 organizations, or entities that express interest in fulfilling
17 the advisory council's mandate[-], including but not limited to
18 the following:

- 19 (1) Alu Like, Inc.;
- 20 (2) The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs;
- 21 (3) The Kamehameha Schools;



- 1 (4) The Lunalilo Home;
2 (5) The Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation;
3 (6) Papa Ola Lokahi;
4 (7) The Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center; and
5 (8) Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

6 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Each member shall be appointed by the director
7 or other chief executive of the member's organization within
8 forty-five days ~~[following]~~ after July 1, ~~[2003-]~~ 2018. The
9 advisory council members shall select a chairperson and
10 establish procedural rules for its internal administration. The
11 rules shall be exempt from the public notice and hearing
12 provisions of chapter 91. Administrative expenses of the
13 advisory council, such as photocopying, postage, stationery, and
14 office supplies incidental to the performance of members' duties
15 ~~[may]~~ shall be reimbursed ~~[out of appropriations made to the~~
16 ~~advisory council,]~~ by the office, but members of the advisory
17 council shall otherwise serve without compensation and without
18 reimbursement for travel expenses.

19 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The Hui 'Imi advisory council shall:

- 20 (1) Serve as a liaison between public and private entities
21 serving the Hawaiian community in the planning and



1 development of collaborative public and private
2 endeavors;

3 (2) Investigate [~~the~~] issues [~~described in the Hui 'Imi~~
4 ~~task force report volumes I and II and such other~~
5 ~~issues affecting Hawaiians as the advisory council~~
6 ~~shall designate; and~~] affecting the Hawaiian small
7 business community, including the following:

8 (A) The use of Hawaiian small business incubators and
9 accelerators to encourage the development of new
10 businesses and foster economic development by
11 diversifying the local economic base, enhancing
12 Hawaii's image as a center of innovation and
13 entrepreneurship, increasing employment
14 opportunities in the State, and encouraging
15 greater use of public-private partnerships;

16 (B) The use of one-stop permitting and financial
17 assistance centers to help Hawaiian small
18 business owners and prospective entrepreneurs
19 comply with the various licenses and permits
20 necessary to operate a business and to provide
21 referrals to businesses needing information on



1 eligibility for federal, state, and county
2 financial assistance programs;
3 (C) The use of Hawaiian small business incentive
4 programs and Hawaiian small business development
5 centers to stimulate growth; provide marketing,
6 accounting, and economic analysis services to
7 Hawaiian-owned small businesses that would
8 otherwise not be able to afford assistance in
9 these areas; more efficiently link existing
10 business assistance organizations; and create new
11 types of services where those services are
12 needed;
13 (D) Entrepreneurship education at the post-secondary
14 levels utilizing the expertise of the private
15 sector to develop appropriate curriculum;
16 (E) Identification of the federal and state
17 government policies that specifically relate to
18 Hawaiian small business, including permit
19 procedures and fees, payroll costs, and tax and
20 labor issues; and

1 (F) The use of grants awarded pursuant to section
2 10-17, to benefit the Hawaiian small business
3 community; and

4 (3) Submit [a] an annual report of its findings and
5 recommendations [~~, which report shall include an action~~
6 ~~plan for the implementation of the Hui 'Imi task force~~
7 ~~report volumes I and II, with a view toward~~
8 ~~incorporating the action plan into the state general~~
9 ~~plan. The report shall be submitted to the governor~~
10 ~~and the legislature no later than twenty days prior to~~
11 ~~the convening of the regular session of 2005.] ,~~
12 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature
13 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 each regular session.

15 (e) In conducting the study, the advisory council shall
16 consult with the department of business, economic development,
17 and tourism and its attached agencies, the small business
18 regulatory review board, the office of Hawaiian affairs, and any
19 other interested parties representing or assisting Hawaiian
20 small businesses.



1 (f) The office of Hawaiian affairs shall provide
2 administrative support to the advisory council."

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

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

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Report Title:

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