
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state water code
2 has not been implemented to fully comply with the requirements
3 of section 174C-101(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, that adequate
4 reserves of water for current and foreseeable development of
5 Hawaiian home lands be incorporated into and protected by the
6 decisions of the commission on water resource management. The
7 commission on water resource management has only reserved water
8 for current and foreseeable development of Hawaiian home lands
9 on Oahu and Molokai, and in Keauhou on the island of Hawaii.
10 The legislature further finds that representation on the
11 commission on water resource management by the Hawaiian homes
12 commission and the department of Hawaiian home lands is
13 necessary for section 174C-101(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
14 be properly fulfilled.

15 The purpose of this Act is to add the chairperson of the
16 Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designee and the
17 chairperson of the department of Hawaiian home lands or the



1 chairperson's designee as ex officio, voting members of the
2 commission on water resource management.

3 SECTION 2. Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (a) and (b) to read as follows:

5 "(a) There is established within the department a
6 commission on water resource management consisting of [~~seven~~]
7 nine members which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and final
8 authority in all matters relating to implementation and
9 administration of the state water code, except as otherwise
10 specifically provided in this chapter.

11 (b) Five members shall be appointed by the governor
12 subject to confirmation by the senate in the manner prescribed
13 in subsection (d). Each [~~member~~] of the five appointed members
14 shall have substantial experience in the area of water resource
15 management; provided that at least one member shall have
16 substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian
17 water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian
18 riparian usage such as those preserved by section 174C-101. The
19 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall be
20 the chairperson of the commission. The director of health or
21 the director's designee shall serve as an ex officio[+], [+]



1 voting member. The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission
2 or the chairperson's designee shall serve as an ex officio,
3 voting member. The chairperson of the department of Hawaiian
4 home lands or the chairperson's designee shall serve as an ex
5 officio voting member."

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

Commission on Water Resource Management; Hawaiian Homes
Commission Representation; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Description:

Adds the chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the
chairperson's designee and the chairperson of the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands to serve as ex officio, voting members of
the Commission on Water Resource Management. (SD1)

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