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# 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 is necessary for section 174C-101(a), Hawaii Revised  
13 Statutes, to be properly fulfilled.

14           The purpose of this Act is to add the chairperson of the  
15 Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designee as an ex  
16 officio, voting member of the commission on water resource  
17 management.



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

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

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



1 Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designee shall  
2 serve as an ex officio, voting member."

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 on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Commission on Water Resource Management; Hawaiian Homes  
Commission Representation

**Description:**

Adds the chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the  
chairperson's designee to serve as ex officio, voting members of  
the Commission on Water Resource Management. (SD2)

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