
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 205-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§205-1 Establishment of the commission.** There shall be a
4 state land use commission, hereinafter called the commission.

5 The commission shall consist of nine members who shall hold no
6 other public office and shall be appointed in the manner and
7 serve for the term set forth in section 26-34. One member shall
8 be appointed from each of the counties and the remainder shall
9 be appointed at large[-]; provided that one member shall have

10 substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian land
11 usage and knowledge of cultural land practices that may be

12 evidenced, among other qualifications, by the member's status as
13 a:

- 14 (1) Native Hawaiian kupuna or elder;
15 (2) Native Hawaiian kahuna or keeper of sacred principles;
16 (3) Traditional cultural expert;
17 (4) Practitioner of native Hawaiian land uses; or



1 (5) Scholar on traditional Hawaiian language and cultural
2 land practices.

3 The commission shall elect its chairperson from one of its
4 members. The members shall receive no compensation for their
5 services on the commission, but shall be reimbursed for actual
6 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Six
7 affirmative votes shall be necessary for any boundary amendment.

8 The commission shall be a part of the department of
9 business, economic development, and tourism for administration
10 purposes, as provided for in section 26-35.

11 The commission may engage employees necessary to perform
12 its duties, including administrative personnel and an executive
13 officer. The executive officer shall be appointed by the
14 commission and the executive officer's position shall be exempt
15 from civil service. Departments of the state government shall
16 make available to the commission such data, facilities, and
17 personnel as are necessary for it to perform its duties. The
18 commission may receive and [~~utilize~~] use gifts and any funds
19 from the federal or other governmental agencies. It shall adopt
20 rules guiding its conduct, maintain a record of its activities
21 and accomplishments, and make recommendations to the governor
22 and to the legislature through the governor."



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
4 and shall apply to the land use commission upon its next
5 vacancy.



Report Title:

Land Use Commission; Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner Member

Description:

Adds a requirement that one member of the Land Use Commission have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of cultural land practices. (SB2929 HD1)

