
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 26-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The University of Hawaii shall be headed by an
4 executive board to be known as the board of regents.

5 The board shall consist of [~~twelve~~] fifteen members. [~~No~~
6 ~~more than six of the members shall be members of the same~~
7 ~~political party and at least part of the membership of the board~~
8 ~~shall represent geographic subdivisions of the State.~~] At least
9 one member shall be a University of Hawaii student at the time
10 of the initial appointment. This member may be reappointed for
11 one additional term even though the member may no longer be a
12 student at the time of reappointment.

13 At least ten members, except for the student member, shall
14 represent geographic areas as follows:

- 15 (1) Two members from the county of Hawaii;
16 (2) Two members from the county of Maui;
17 (3) One member from the county of Kauai; and
18 (4) Five members from the city and county of Honolulu.



1 The board shall have power, in accordance with the
2 Constitution of the State and with law, to formulate policy[~~7~~]
3 and to exercise control over the university through its
4 executive officer, the president of the university. The board
5 shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the internal organization
6 and management of the university."

7 SECTION 2. Section 304-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "**§304-3 Regents; appointment; tenure; qualifications;**
10 **meetings.** (a) The affairs of the university shall be under the
11 general management and control of the board of regents
12 consisting of [~~twelve~~] fifteen members who shall be appointed
13 and may be removed by the governor. Except as otherwise
14 provided by law, state officers shall be eligible for
15 appointment and membership. The term of each member other than
16 the student member shall be [~~for four years; provided that the~~]
17 five years, except that members may be initially appointed for
18 terms of shorter duration so that, as far as practicable, no
19 more than three members' terms shall expire in any one year.
20 The term of the student member shall be [~~for~~] two years.
21 [~~Except as otherwise provided by statute, state officers shall~~
22 ~~be eligible to appointment and membership.~~] Every member may



1 serve beyond the expiration date of the member's term of
2 appointment until the member's successor has been appointed and
3 has [~~qualified.~~] been confirmed by the senate in accordance with
4 article X, section 6 of the state constitution. Members shall
5 serve no more than two consecutive five-year terms.

6 (b) The board [~~shall~~], at its first meeting after June 30,
7 shall elect a chairperson and [~~vice-chairperson~~] vice
8 chairperson, who shall serve until adjournment of its first
9 meeting after June 30 of the next year or thereafter until their
10 successors are appointed and have qualified and whose election
11 shall be immediately certified by the board to the chief
12 election officer. The board shall appoint a secretary, who
13 shall report to the board but not be a member of the board. The
14 president of the university shall act as executive officer of
15 the board. The board shall meet not less often than ten times
16 annually, and may from time to time meet in each of the counties
17 of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.

18 (c) The members of the board shall serve without pay but
19 shall be entitled to their traveling expenses within the State
20 when attending meetings of the board or when actually engaged in
21 business relating to the work of the board."



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

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2096.



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HD1

Report Title:

UH; Board of Regents

Description:

Changes the University of Hawaii Board of Regents (BOR) membership by increasing the number of members from 12 to 15. Requires a certain number of BOR members to represent specific geographic areas. Establishes that BOR members shall serve no more than 2 consecutive 5-year terms. Clarifies that every BOR member may serve beyond the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor has been appointed and has been confirmed by the senate. (SB3124 HD1)

