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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. The governor shall reduce
13 the terms of those initially appointed to each seat on the board
14 so as to provide, as far as practicable, for the expiration of
15 three terms each year, excluding the student member.~~

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

18 (1) Two members from the county of Hawaii;



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

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

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

12 "**§304-3 Regents; appointment; tenure; qualifications;**
13 **meetings.** (a) The affairs of the university shall be under the
14 general management and control of the board of regents
15 consisting of [~~twelve~~] fifteen members who shall be appointed
16 and may be removed by the governor. Except as otherwise
17 provided by law, state officers shall be eligible for
18 appointment and membership. The term of each member shall be
19 [~~for four years,~~] five years, except as provided for the initial
20 appointment in section 26-11; provided that the term of the
21 student member shall be [~~for~~] two years. [~~Except as otherwise~~
22 ~~provided by statute, state officers shall be eligible to~~



1 ~~appointment and membership.]~~ Every member may serve beyond the
2 expiration date of the member's term of appointment until the
3 member's successor has been appointed and has [~~qualified.]~~ been
4 confirmed by the senate in accordance with article X, section 6
5 of the state constitution. Members shall serve no more than two
6 consecutive five-year terms. If a member is to be appointed to
7 a second term of five years, the senate shall consider the
8 question of whether to reconfirm the member at least one hundred
9 twenty days prior to the conclusion of a member's first five-
10 year term.

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



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

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

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Changes 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. Establishes that if a member is appointed to a second term of 5 years, the senate will consider the question of whether to reconfirm the member at least 120 days prior to the conclusion of the member's first 5-year term. 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.

