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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY.

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

| 1  | SECTION 1. Section 227D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is                     |
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| 2  | amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:                     |
| 3  | "(b) The governing body of the authority shall consist of                  |
| 4  | a board of directors having [eleven] thirteen voting members.              |
| 5  | [Three] Five members [from the general public] shall be                    |
| 6  | appointed by the governor for staggered terms pursuant to                  |
| 7  | section 26-34[ $_{7}$ ]. Two of these members shall be selected by the     |
| 8  | governor from among the tenants holding leases on property                 |
| 9  | within the natural energy laboratory of Hawaii authority                   |
| 10 | research and technology park; provided that tenant members shall           |
| 11 | be recused from voting on issues relating to water rates or                |
| 12 | lease rents. The remaining three shall be selected from the                |
| 13 | general public, except that one [ <del>of these members</del> ] shall be a |
| 14 | resident of the county of Hawaii[ <del>. The members shall be</del>        |
| 15 | selected], on the basis of their knowledge, interest, and proven           |
| 16 | expertise in, but not limited to, one or more of the following             |
| 17 | fields: finance, commerce and trade, corporate management,                 |
| 18 | marketing, economics, engineering, energy management, real                 |
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estate development, property management, aquaculture, and ocean 1 science. The chairperson and secretary of the research advisory 2 committee shall serve on the board. The director of business, 3 economic development, and tourism, the chairperson of the board 4 5 of land and natural resources, the president of the University of Hawaii, the mayor of the county of Hawaii, an appointed 6 member from the board of the high technology development 7 corporation, and an appointed member from the board of the 8 9 Hawaii strategic development corporation, or their designated 10 representatives, shall serve as ex officio, voting members of the board. The director of business, economic development, and 11 12 tourism shall serve as the chairperson until such time as a chairperson is elected by the board from the membership. The 13 14 board shall elect other officers as it deems necessary. On issues relating to lease rents or water rates, an 15 affirmative vote of seven members shall be required to decide 16

17 the issue."

18 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; Board of Directors

#### Description:

Expands the natural energy laboratory of Hawaii authority board of directors from eleven members to thirteen members by adding two additional members from among the tenants of the research and technology park. Requires super-majority vote on water rates and lease rents. Recuses tenants from voting on water rates and lease rents. (SD1)

