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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 201B-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) to read  
3 as follows:

4           "(b) The authority shall be headed by a policy-making  
5 board of directors [~~which~~] that consists of twelve [~~public,~~  
6 ~~voting~~] members [~~, and four ex officio nonvoting members~~];  
7 provided that:

8           (1) [~~Twelve public, voting~~] The members shall be appointed  
9 by the governor as provided in section 26-34, except  
10 as otherwise provided by law;

11           (2) The [~~twelve public, voting~~] members shall be composed  
12 of at least one representative each from the city and  
13 county of Honolulu and the counties of Hawaii, Kauai,  
14 and Maui; the remaining [~~public~~] members shall be  
15 appointed at-large;

16           (3) [~~Of the twelve public, voting members, three~~] Three  
17 members shall be appointed by the governor from a list  
18 of three names submitted for each appointment by the



1 president of the senate, and three shall be appointed  
2 by the governor from a list of three names submitted  
3 for each appointment by the speaker of the house of  
4 representatives; provided that if fewer than three  
5 names are submitted for each appointment, the governor  
6 may disregard the list;

7 (4) At least six [~~of the twelve public, voting~~] members  
8 shall have knowledge, experience, and expertise in the  
9 area of visitor industry management, marketing,  
10 promotion, transportation, retail, entertainment, or  
11 visitor attractions, and at least one shall have  
12 knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of  
13 Hawaiian cultural practices; provided that no more  
14 than three members shall represent, be employed by, or  
15 be under contract to any sector of the industry  
16 represented on the board;

17 (5) The governor shall make appointments to ensure the  
18 fulfillment of all requirements; provided that any  
19 appointments made after July 1, 2002, shall be made to  
20 fulfill the requirements in place when the  
21 appointments are made; and



- 1       ~~[(6) The director of business, economic development, and~~
- 2           ~~tourism, or a designated representative, shall be an~~
- 3           ~~ex officio nonvoting member;~~
- 4       ~~(7) The director of transportation, or a designated~~
- 5           ~~representative, shall be an ex officio nonvoting~~
- 6           ~~member;~~
- 7       ~~(8) The chairperson of the board of land and natural~~
- 8           ~~resources, or a designated representative, shall be an~~
- 9           ~~ex officio nonvoting member;~~
- 10       ~~(9) The executive director of the state foundation on~~
- 11           ~~culture and the arts, or a designated representative,~~
- 12           ~~shall be an ex officio nonvoting member; and~~
- 13       ~~(10)]~~ (6) No person who has served as a member of the board
- 14           of directors of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention
- 15           Bureau shall be eligible to sit as a [public, voting]
- 16           member of the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism
- 17           authority until at least two years have expired
- 18           between the person's termination from service on the
- 19           Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau board and the
- 20           person's appointment to the authority's board of
- 21           directors.



1 (c) ~~[The public members]~~ Members shall be appointed by the  
2 governor for terms of four years. Each ~~[public]~~ member shall  
3 hold office until the member's successor is appointed and  
4 qualified. Section 26-34 shall be applicable insofar as it  
5 relates to the number of terms and consecutive number of years a  
6 member may serve on the board.

7 (d) The board shall elect a chairperson from among the  
8 ~~[voting] members. [The director of business, economic~~  
9 ~~development, and tourism or the designated representative shall~~  
10 ~~not be chairperson of the board.]~~

11 (e) Seven ~~[voting]~~ members shall constitute a quorum and a  
12 minimum of seven affirmative votes shall be necessary for all  
13 actions by the authority. The members shall serve without  
14 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including  
15 traveling expenses, necessary for the performance of their  
16 duties."

17 SECTION 2. Section 201B-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "[+] §201B-13 [+] **Assistance by state and county**  
20 **agencies [-]; advisory group.** (a) Any state or county agency  
21 may render services upon request of the authority.



1        (b) The authority shall establish an advisory group, which  
2 shall include the director of business, economic development,  
3 and tourism, director of transportation, chairperson of the  
4 board of land and natural resources, and executive director of  
5 the state foundation on culture and the arts to advise the  
6 authority on matters relating to their respective departments or  
7 agency in the preparation and execution of:

8        (1) Measures to respond to tourism emergencies pursuant to  
9        section 201B-9;

10       (2) Programs for the management, improvement, and  
11       protection of Hawaii's natural environment and other  
12       areas frequented by visitors;

13       (3) Measures to address issues affecting airlines, air  
14       routes, and barriers to travel to Hawaii; and

15       (4) Programs to perpetuate the cultures of Hawaii and  
16       engage local communities to sustain and preserve the  
17       native Hawaiian culture."

18       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Tourism Authority; Appointment of Board Members

**Description:**

Removes from the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) Board the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Director of Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and places them in an advisory group to HTA. (HB754 HD1)

