

JAN 23 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 167-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~[+]§167-23[+]~~ **Molokai irrigation system water users**
4 **advisory board; establishment; meetings.** (a) There is
5 established a Molokai irrigation system water users advisory
6 board, to be appointed by the governor under section 26-34. The
7 advisory board shall consist of [~~six members, as follows:~~] seven
8 members. At least four members shall be:

- 9 (1) Hawaiian homestead farmers;
10 (2) Molokai irrigation system users;
11 (3) Residents of the island of Molokai; and
12 (4) Active general excise tax licensees.

13 (b) To the extent possible, the advisory board shall
14 include members as follows:

- 15 (1) [A] Two homestead farmer [~~user~~] users on Molokai;
16 (2) A nonhomestead farmer user on Molokai;



1 (3) ~~[The designee (by name rather than office)]~~ A nominee
2 of the Molokai County Farm Bureau;

3 (4) ~~[The designee (by name rather than office)]~~ A nominee
4 of Hikiola Cooperative, Inc.;

5 (5) ~~[The designee (by name rather than office)]~~ A nominee
6 of the Molokai-Lanai soil and water conservation
7 district; and

8 (6) ~~[The designee (by name rather than office)]~~ A nominee
9 of the department of Hawaiian home lands.

10 (c) Each nominee from subsection (b) shall be evaluated
11 according to the qualifications established in subsection (a).
12 If the nominees do not qualify under subsection (a), the
13 governor shall appoint members that do meet the qualifications
14 regardless of whether the member is affiliated with a group
15 designated in subsection (b).

16 (d) The members of the advisory board shall serve without
17 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for
18 necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in the
19 discharge of their duties. For administrative purposes, and
20 pursuant to section 26-35, the advisory board shall be placed
21 within the department of agriculture.

1 [~~(b)~~] (e) The advisory board shall meet with the
2 department of agriculture at least six times each year. The
3 meetings shall be held on Molokai, whenever possible.

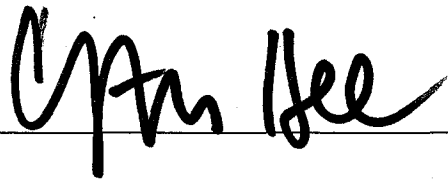
4 The advisory board's duties and responsibilities shall be
5 to advise the department on matters of concern to the users of
6 the system, to provide support for improvements to the
7 irrigation facilities, to participate in the long-range planning
8 of the system, and to act as liaison between the users and the
9 department."

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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:





Report Title:

Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board; Membership Qualifications

Description:

Requires that at least four members of the Molokai irrigation system water users advisory board be Hawaiian homestead farmers.

