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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE REGENTS CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 304A-104.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3           1. By amending subsection (d) to read:

4           "(d) In making its presentations, the regents candidate  
5 advisory council shall:

6           (1) Develop a statement that includes the selection  
7 criteria to be applied and a description of the  
8 responsibilities and duties of a member of the board  
9 of regents and distribute this statement to potential  
10 candidates;

11           (2) Screen and qualify candidates for each position on the  
12 board of regents based on their background,  
13 experience, and potential for discharging the  
14 responsibilities of a member of the board of regents;

15           (3) Publicly advertise pending vacancies and actively  
16 solicit and accept applications from potential  
17 candidates;



- 1           (4) Develop and implement a fair, independent, and  
2           nonpartisan procedure for selecting candidates to  
3           serve on the board of regents; [and]
- 4           (5) Ensure student involvement by establishing a student  
5           advisory group composed of:
- 6           (A) The senior student affairs officer of the  
7           University of Hawaii system;
- 8           (B) No fewer than three student representatives from  
9           the University of Hawaii student caucus who shall  
10           represent, to the maximum extent possible, the  
11           interests of the various University of Hawaii  
12           campuses on each island; and
- 13           (C) No fewer than three student life advisors who  
14           shall represent, to the maximum extent possible,  
15           the interests of the various University of Hawaii  
16           campuses on each island,  
17           who shall work with and assist the regents candidate  
18           advisory council to recruit and evaluate candidates  
19           for the student member of the board of regents and  
20           make recommendations to the regents candidate advisory  
21           council based on the qualifications of the candidates  
22           applying for the position; and



1       ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Require each candidate to disclose any existing  
2                   or anticipated contracts with the University of Hawaii  
3                   or any existing or anticipated financial transactions  
4                   with the University of Hawaii.

5 Upon submission of the names of candidates to the governor, the  
6 regents candidate advisory council shall make available the  
7 names of candidates to the public through the University of  
8 Hawaii."

9           2. By amending subsection (f) to read:

10           "(f) The regents candidate advisory council shall consist  
11 of seven members to be appointed without regard to section 26-34  
12 as follows:

13           (1) One member shall be appointed by the president of the  
14                   senate;

15           (2) One member shall be appointed by the speaker of the  
16                   house of representatives;

17           (3) One member shall be appointed by the governor;

18           (4) One member shall be appointed by one of the co-chairs  
19                   of the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs of

20                   the University of Hawaii; provided that beginning on

21                   July 1, 2010, a person may not be appointed as a

22                   member of the regents candidate advisory council under



1           this paragraph, if within the five years immediately  
2           preceding that appointment, the person served on the  
3           All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs of the  
4           University of Hawaii;

5           (5) One member shall be appointed by the chairperson of  
6           the Executive Council of the University of Hawaii  
7           Student Caucus; provided that beginning on July 1,  
8           2010, a person may not be appointed as a member of the  
9           regents candidate advisory council under this  
10           paragraph, if within one year immediately preceding  
11           that appointment, the person served on the Executive  
12           Council of the University of Hawaii Student Caucus;

13           (6) One member shall be appointed by the chairperson of  
14           the Association of Emeritus Regents; and

15           (7) One member shall be appointed by the president of the  
16           University of Hawaii Alumni Association;

17 provided that members appointed under paragraphs (4) to (7)  
18 shall be selected from the general public and may include  
19 members of the constituencies represented; provided further that  
20 each appointee satisfies the requirements for appointment  
21 provided in this subsection[, ~~except that individuals who are or~~  
22 ~~have served as members of the executive councils or boards for~~



1 ~~the organizations under paragraphs (4) or (5) within the last~~  
2 ~~five years immediately preceding the establishment of or a~~  
3 ~~vacancy on the regents candidate advisory council for which the~~  
4 ~~persons may be qualified to fill shall not be eligible to serve~~  
5 ~~as members of the regents candidate advisory council].~~

6       The regents candidate advisory council shall be selected in  
7 a wholly nonpartisan manner. If any member has not been  
8 appointed within one hundred eighty days of May 1, 2007, the  
9 sitting members on the regents candidate advisory council shall  
10 make an interim appointment to fill the vacant seat. The  
11 interim appointee shall satisfy the requirements for appointment  
12 provided in this subsection and shall serve until the time when  
13 the appropriate appointing authority makes an appointment for  
14 the vacant seat as provided in this subsection. Appointees to  
15 the regents candidate advisory council shall have a general  
16 understanding of the purposes of higher education, the mission  
17 of the University of Hawaii system, and the responsibilities of  
18 the board of regents. Appointees shall be individuals who are  
19 widely viewed as having placed the broad public interest ahead  
20 of special interests, having achieved a high level of prominence  
21 in their respective professions, and being respected members of  
22 the community."



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

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



**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Regents Candidate Advisory Council

**Description:**

Establishes a student advisory group to assist the Regents Candidate Advisory Council (Council) with the recruitment and evaluation of candidates for the student member of the Board of Regents and make recommendations based on the qualifications of the candidates applying for the position. Shortens the time for which an individual is ineligible for appointment to the Council due to past service on the Executive Council of the University of Hawaii Student Caucus. (SB2803 HD1)

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