
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~~] seven members, as follows:

8 (1) A homestead farmer user on Molokai;

9 (2) A nonhomestead farmer user on Molokai;

10 (3) The designee (by name rather than office) of the
11 Molokai County Farm Bureau;

12 (4) The designee (by name rather than office) of Hikiola
13 Cooperative, Inc.;

14 (5) The designee (by name rather than office) of the
15 Molokai-Lanai soil and water conservation district;

16 [and]

- 1 (6) ~~[The designee (by name rather than office) of the~~
2 ~~department of Hawaiian home lands.]~~ A kupuna homestead
3 farmer user whose nomination has been recommended by
4 the commissioner for Molokai of the department of
5 Hawaiian home lands and approved by submittal to the
6 governor by majority vote of all homesteaders then
7 servng on the advisory board; and
- 8 (7) The supervisor of the Molokai district office of the
9 department of Hawaiian home lands who shall serve as
10 an ex officio voting member.
- 11 (b) All members of the advisory board shall be:
- 12 (1) Molokai irrigation system users;
13 (2) Residents of the island of Molokai; and
14 (3) Active general excise tax licensees.
- 15 (c) The members of the advisory board shall serve without
16 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for
17 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, while attending
18 meetings and while in the discharge of their duties. For
19 administrative purposes, and pursuant to section 26-35, the
20 advisory board shall be placed within the department of
21 agriculture.

1 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) 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 of agriculture on matters of concern to
6 the users of the system, to provide support for improvements to
7 the irrigation facilities, to participate in the long-range
8 planning of the system, and to act as liaison between the users
9 and the department of agriculture.

10 (e) Four members of the advisory board shall constitute a
11 quorum at any meeting. No member of the advisory board shall be
12 qualified to act in matters directly involving a company or
13 organization of which the advisory board member is an officer,
14 director, member, or full-time employee, or to which the
15 advisory board member is indebted.

16 (f) For the purpose of this section:

17 "Homestead farmer user" means an individual who qualifies
18 under the requirements set forth in the department of Hawaiian
19 home lands administrative rules, farms a homestead parcel owned
20 by the department of Hawaiian home lands, and is served by the
21 Molokai irrigation system.

1 "Kupuna homestead farmer user" means an individual who
2 resides on a homestead parcel on Molokai, with a Molokai
3 irrigation system water meter. The individual shall be a former
4 or current farmer who is working or has worked in the
5 agricultural industry on Molokai."

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board; Membership Qualifications

Description:

Increases the representation of homestead farmers on the Molokai irrigation system water users advisory board. (SD1)