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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Article VIII, section 2 of the Hawaii

2 Constitution states, in relevant part:

3 Each political subdivision shall have the power to  
4 frame and adopt a charter for its own self-government  
5 within such limits and under such procedures as may be  
6 provided by general law. . . .

7 Charter provisions with respect to a political  
8 subdivision's executive, legislative and administrative  
9 structure and organization shall be superior to statutory  
10 provisions, subject to the authority of the legislature to  
11 enact general laws allocating and reallocating powers and  
12 functions.

13 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the counties to  
14 appoint their respective personnel directors pursuant to their  
15 respective county charter. The legislature finds that the grant  
16 of this authority is within the purview of the counties'  
17 executive and administrative structures and organization, and is  
18 therefore supported by and consistent with the principle of



1 county self-governance established in article VIII, section 2,  
2 of the Hawaii Constitution.

3 SECTION 2. Section 76-75, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§76-75 Personnel director.** The merit appeals board or  
6 the mayor of each county, as prescribed by the charter of each  
7 county, shall appoint and may at pleasure remove a personnel  
8 director, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the  
9 department of civil service. The director [~~shall~~], at the time  
10 of the director's appointment, and thereafter, shall be  
11 thoroughly familiar with the principles and methods of personnel  
12 administration and shall believe in applying merit principles  
13 and scientific administrative methods to public personnel  
14 administration."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Civil Service; County Personnel Director

**Description:**

Authorizes the counties to appoint their respective personnel director pursuant to their respective county charter.

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