
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE REDUCTION OF VOTING MAJORITY OF THE STATE
REHABILITATION COUNCIL ON KAUAI TO TEN, TO ALLOW FOR QUORUM
AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

1 WHEREAS, the State Rehabilitation Council on Kauai review,
2 analyze and advise the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency
3 regarding its performance of responsibilities that affect the
4 ability of consumers to achieve employment outcomes; Develop,
5 agree to and review State goals and priorities of the VR
6 program; Assist VR in the preparation of the VR State Plan,
7 amendments to the plan and needs assessment; Review and analyze
8 the effectiveness of the VR Program and consumer satisfaction;
9 Prepare and submit a VR annual report to the Governor and
10 Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration; and
11 Coordinate its activities with the activities of other
12 disability-related councils within the State; and
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14 WHEREAS, the State Rehabilitation Council on Kauai have not
15 held decision making for more than a year due to its inability
16 to meet quorum; and
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18 WHEREAS, it is urged that there is established within the
19 department a State Rehabilitation Council. The council shall
20 consist of twenty-one members appointed by the governor as
21 provided in section 26-34 and without regard to section 78-4.
22 However, it is recommended that 10 members present shall allow
23 for voting. The members shall include:
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- 25 (1) At least one representative of a parent training and
26 information center;
27 (2) At least one representative of the client assistance
28 program;
29 (3) At least one qualified vocational rehabilitation
30 counselor with knowledge of and experience with
31 vocational rehabilitation programs, who shall serve as



- 1 an ex officio, nonvoting member if employed by the
- 2 vocational rehabilitation division of the department;
- 3 (4) At least one representative of community
- 4 rehabilitation program service providers;
- 5 (5) Four representatives of business, industry, and labor;
- 6 (6) Representatives of disability advocacy groups
- 7 representing a cross section of individuals with
- 8 physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities,
- 9 and parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or
- 10 authorized representatives of individuals with
- 11 disabilities who have difficulty in representing
- 12 themselves or are unable due to their disabilities to
- 13 represent themselves;
- 14 (7) Current or former applicants for or recipients of
- 15 vocational rehabilitation services;
- 16 (8) At least one representative of the state educational
- 17 agency responsible for the public education of
- 18 students with disabilities;
- 19 (9) At least one representative of the state workforce
- 20 development council; and
- 21 (10) The administrator of the vocational rehabilitation
- 22 division of the department, who shall be an ex
- 23 officio, nonvoting member; and

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25 WHEREAS, provided that the council shall include at least

26 one member from each county; and provided further that a

27 majority of the council members shall be persons who have

28 disabilities and are not employed by the vocational

29 rehabilitation division of the department; and

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31 WHEREAS, the council members shall elect a chairperson from

32 the membership. Each member of the council shall serve a three-

33 year term but may not serve more than two consecutive full

34 terms; and

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36 WHEREAS, any vacancy occurring in the council membership

37 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment,

38 except that the governor may delegate the authority to fill such

39 a vacancy to the remaining members of the council after making

40 the original appointment; now, therefore,

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42 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the

43 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session

44 of 2011, the Senate concurring, the State Rehabilitation Council

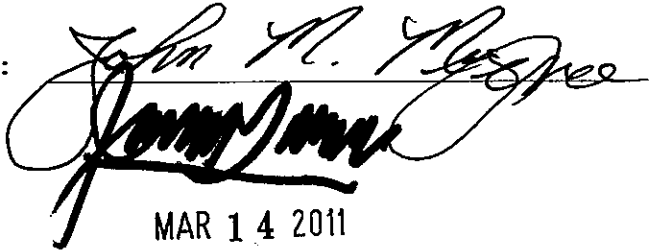


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1 on Kauai consist of 21 members with a voting majority of 10 and
2 each member of the council shall serve a three-year term but may
3 not serve more than two consecutive full terms; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
7 Director of Human Services, and the current Chair of the State
8 Rehabilitation Council.
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OFFERED BY:



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