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S.B. NO. 1417

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 348-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) There is established within the department a state  
4 rehabilitation council. The council shall consist of [~~twenty-~~  
5 ~~one~~] fifteen members appointed by the governor as provided in  
6 section 26-34 and without regard to section 78-4. The members  
7 shall include:

8           (1) At least one representative of a parent training and  
9 information center;

10          (2) At least one representative of the client assistance  
11 program;

12          (3) At least one qualified vocational rehabilitation  
13 counselor with knowledge of and experience with  
14 vocational rehabilitation programs, who shall serve as  
15 an ex officio, nonvoting member if employed by the  
16 vocational rehabilitation division of the department;

17          (4) At least one representative of community  
18 rehabilitation program service providers;



- 1           (5) Four representatives of business, industry, and labor;
- 2           (6) Representatives of disability advocacy groups
- 3                 representing a cross section of individuals with
- 4                 physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities,
- 5                 and parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or
- 6                 authorized representatives of individuals with
- 7                 disabilities who have difficulty in representing
- 8                 themselves or are unable due to their disabilities to
- 9                 represent themselves;
- 10          (7) Current or former applicants for or recipients of
- 11                 vocational rehabilitation services;
- 12          (8) At least one representative of the state educational
- 13                 agency responsible for the public education of
- 14                 students with disabilities;
- 15          (9) At least one representative of the state workforce
- 16                 development council; and
- 17          (10) The administrator of the vocational rehabilitation
- 18                 division of the department, who shall be an ex
- 19                 officio, nonvoting member;
- 20          provided that the council shall include at least one member from
- 21          each county; and provided further that a majority of the council
- 22          members shall be persons who have disabilities and are not



1 employed by the vocational rehabilitation division of the  
2 department. The council members shall elect a chairperson from  
3 the membership. Each member of the council shall serve a three-  
4 year term but may not serve more than two consecutive full  
5 terms. Any vacancy occurring in the council membership shall be  
6 filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except  
7 that the governor may delegate the authority to fill such a  
8 vacancy to the remaining members of the council after making the  
9 original appointment."

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:

          *Mr. J. V. R.*          *H.R.*          



**Report Title:**

State Rehabilitation Council

**Description:**

Reduces number of members on the state rehabilitation council from twenty-one to fifteen.

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