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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to create an ‘aha  
2           kiolo advisory council, to be located within the department of  
3           land and natural resources and which may serve in an advisory  
4           capacity to the office of the chairperson of the board of land  
5           and natural resources. The ‘aha kiolo advisory council may  
6           advise the office of the chairperson of the board of land and  
7           natural resources on issues related to land and natural resource  
8           management through the ‘aha moku system, a system of best  
9           practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management  
10          practices of moku (regional) boundaries, that acknowledges the  
11          natural contours of land, the specific resources located within  
12          those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources  
13          and the community.

14          SECTION 2. (a) There is established the ‘aha kiolo  
15          advisory council to be placed within the department of land and  
16          natural resources for administrative purposes as provided in  
17          section 26-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The ‘aha kiolo advisory



1 council may advise the office of the chairperson of the board of  
2 land and natural resources in carrying out the purposes of this  
3 Act. The 'aha kiole advisory council shall consist of eight  
4 members selected by the 'aha moku councils of the respective  
5 islands without regard to sections 26-34 and 78-4, Hawaii  
6 Revised Statutes. The 'aha kiole advisory council members shall  
7 select the chairperson of the 'aha kiole advisory council. The  
8 'aha kiole advisory council members shall not receive  
9 compensation for their service but may be reimbursed for  
10 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred while  
11 attending meetings approved in advance by the office of the  
12 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources.

13 (b) The 'aha kiole advisory council may:

- 14 (1) Provide advisory input based upon the indigenous  
15 resource management practices of each moku to the  
16 office of the chairperson of the board of land and  
17 natural resources;
- 18 (2) Aid in the implementation of a comprehensive set of  
19 best practices for natural resource management;



- 1           (3) Foster the understanding and practical use of
- 2           knowledge, including native Hawaiian methodology and
- 3           expertise;
- 4           (4) Ensure the future sustainable use of the State's
- 5           marine, land, cultural, agricultural, and natural
- 6           resources;
- 7           (5) Enhance community education and cultural awareness;
- 8           (6) Participate in the protection and preservation of the
- 9           State's natural resources;
- 10          (7) Engage in discussion with, and participate in meetings
- 11          and events held by, the various moku statewide; and
- 12          (8) Establish an administrative structure that oversees
- 13          the 'aha moku system.
- 14          (c) The 'aha kirole advisory council shall submit an annual
- 15          report in English and Hawaiian to the office of the chairperson
- 16          of the board of land and natural resources and the legislature
- 17          no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular
- 18          session. The annual report shall include a list of all
- 19          recommendations made by the 'aha kirole advisory council and the
- 20          resulting action taken by the department of land and natural
- 21          resources over the course of the year.

1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the  
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2012-2013 for reimbursement of necessary expenses, including  
6 travel expenses, incurred by members of the 'aha kiolo advisory  
7 council while attending meetings approved in advance by the  
8 office of the chairperson of the board of land and natural  
9 resources.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
11 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

'Aha Kiole Advisory Council

**Description:**

Establishes within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the 'aha kiole advisory council, which may advise the Office of the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources on issues related to land and natural resource management through the 'aha moku system. Requires the 'aha kiole advisory council to submit an annual report in English and Hawaiian to the Office of the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Legislature at least 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session, on all recommendations made by the 'aha kiole advisory council and the resulting action taken by the Department of Land and Natural Resources over the course of the year. (SB23 HD2)

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