



GOV. MSG. NO. 1225

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

June 15, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 15, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2429 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.
Act 123 (12)

Aloha
Sincerely,
Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide
2 flexibility to the ex officio voting members of the board of
3 agriculture by allowing these members to send one designated
4 representative each on their behalf to board of agriculture
5 meetings when these members are unable to attend. It is not,
6 however, the intent of the legislature that these ex officio
7 voting members rely solely on the attendance of their designated
8 representatives in carrying out their statutory duty to serve on
9 the board of agriculture. In addition, it is the intent of the
10 legislature that on occasions where a designated representative
11 attends a meeting on behalf of the ex officio voting member, the
12 designated representative be a person who has the agricultural
13 background and experience necessary to actively participate in
14 the discussion and decision making of the board of agriculture.

15 SECTION 2. Section 26-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The department of agriculture shall be headed by an
2 executive board to be known as the board of agriculture. The
3 board shall consist of ten members:

4 (1) One who shall be a resident of the county of Hawaii;

5 (2) One who shall be a resident of the county of Maui;

6 (3) One who shall be a resident of the county of Kauai;

7 (4) Four at large; and

8 (5) The chairperson of the board of land and natural

9 resources [7]; the director of business, economic

10 development, and tourism; and the dean of the

11 University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture

12 and human resources, or their designated

13 representatives, who shall serve as [an] ex officio

14 voting [member,] members.

15 ~~(6) The director of business, economic development, and~~

16 ~~tourism, who shall serve as an ex officio voting~~

17 ~~member; and~~

18 ~~(7) The dean of the University of Hawaii college of~~

19 ~~tropical agriculture and human resources, who shall~~

20 ~~serve as an ex officio voting member.]~~

21 The majority of the members of the board shall be from the
22 agricultural community or the agricultural support sector. The

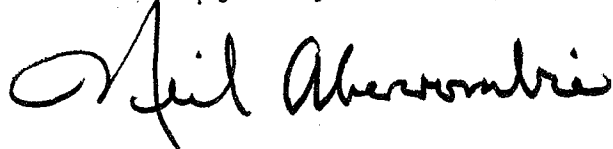


1 appointment, tenure, and removal of the members and the filling
2 of vacancies on the board shall be as provided in section 26-34.
3 The governor shall appoint a chairperson of the board from the
4 members."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 15 day of JUN, 2012



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

