
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 171-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§171-4 Board of land and natural resources; terms and
4 qualifications of members of the board; organization; expenses.

5 (a) The board of land and natural resources shall be composed
6 of seven members, one from each land district and three at
7 large, to be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent
8 of the senate, appointed by the governor as provided in section
9 26-34[-]; provided that for the purposes of making
10 determinations on ocean resources matters, the board shall
11 consist of eleven members, the additional four ocean resources
12 members being appointed pursuant to subsections (e) and (f).

13 The term and removal of a member of the board and the filling of
14 a vacancy on the board shall also be as provided in section 26-
15 34. There shall be not more than three members on the board
16 from the same political party. At least one member of the board
17 shall have a background in conservation and natural resources,
18 as evidenced by:



- 1 (1) A college degree in a relevant field, including
2 forestry, wildlife conservation, geology,
3 environmental science, or marine biology; or
4 (2) Work history sufficient to demonstrate an appropriate
5 level of knowledge in the subject of land and natural
6 resources, including parks and recreation, public
7 lands management, natural area reserves, aquatic
8 resources, boating and recreation, forestry and
9 wildlife, water resources management, or conservation
10 and resources.

11 (b) Each member shall disclose and file with the board a
12 list of all transactions with the department of land and natural
13 resources in which the member has a direct interest. The member
14 shall also disclose all transactions with the department
15 involving any corporation, association, partnership, or joint
16 venture in which the member is an officer, partner, or employee.
17 Any member having any interest, direct or indirect, in any
18 matter before the board shall disqualify oneself from voting on
19 or participating in the discussion of the matter.

20 (c) The governor shall select a chairperson of the board
21 from among its members. The chairperson shall call and preside
22 at meetings and may appoint a member of the board as secretary.



1 The members of the board shall choose one of their number to act
2 as chairperson during the absence or disability of the
3 chairperson.

4 (d) The members of the board shall serve without pay but
5 shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while
6 attending meetings and while in the discharge of their duties.

7 (e) The four ocean resources members of the board shall be
8 appointed by the governor to represent at least four of the
9 following categories:

10 (1) A fishery science representative with a master of
11 science or doctorate degree in fisheries science and
12 experience in Hawaii-based commercial, recreational,
13 or subsistence fisheries; provided that for the
14 purposes of this paragraph, a qualifying fishery
15 science shall not include ecology, marine biology, or
16 other non-fishery marine science fields;

17 (2) A fishing industry representative with experience in
18 the commercial fishing industry and active
19 participation in government agency fishery management
20 and regulatory processes;

21 (3) A fishing community representative with experience and
22 working knowledge of Hawaii non-commercial fisheries,



1 including recreation, subsistence, and indigenous
2 fisheries and active participation in government
3 fishery management and regulatory processes;
4 (4) A seafood industry representative with experience and
5 working knowledge of Hawaii seafood processing and
6 marketing industry and active participation in
7 government fishery management and regulatory
8 processes; and
9 (5) A marine industry representative with experience in
10 Hawaii maritime industries of boating, shipping, and
11 maritime products.
12 (f) The four ocean resources members, except as otherwise
13 provided in this subsection, shall be appointed to the board by
14 the governor pursuant to section 26-34. These four members
15 shall be considered in determining quorum and majority only on
16 issues relating to ocean resources and may vote only on issues
17 related to ocean resources. The political party affiliation of
18 the four ocean resources members, if any, shall not apply to the
19 political party limitation in subsection (a), nor shall there be
20 a limit on the number of ocean resources members from any one
21 political party."



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Ocean Resources; Board of Land and Natural Resources

Description:

Adds four members to the Board of Land and Natural Resources who shall be considered in determining quorum and majority only on issues relating to ocean resources and may vote only on ocean resources issues. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2793 HD1)

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