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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 173A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "Commission" means the legacy land conservation  
5 commission."

6           SECTION 2. Section 173A-2.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8           "(a) There is established within the department of land and  
9 natural resources a legacy land conservation commission. The  
10 commission shall consist of nine members, with at least one  
11 member from each of the counties, who shall be appointed in the  
12 manner and serve for the term set forth in section 26-34 as  
13 follows:

14           (1) Four of the members of the commission shall be persons  
15 possessing scientific qualifications as evidenced by an  
16 academic degree in wildlife or marine biology, botany,  
17 forestry, ecology, resource management, biogeography,  
18 zoology, or geology;

- 1           (2) One member shall be a person possessing membership in  
2           an environmental organization organized in the State;  
3           (3) One member shall be a person possessing membership in a  
4           land conservation organization organized in the State;  
5           (4) One member shall be a person possessing membership in a  
6           statewide agricultural association; and  
7           (5) One member shall be a person knowledgeable about native  
8           Hawaiian culture.

9   The chairperson of the natural area reserves system commission,  
10 or the chairperson's designated representative from the natural  
11 area reserves system commission, shall serve as an ex officio  
12 voting member [~~and the chairperson of the commission~~]. The  
13 members of the commission shall elect the chairperson of the  
14 commission. The members of the commission shall receive no  
15 compensation for their services on the commission but shall be  
16 entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses, including  
17 travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of their duties."

18           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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S.B. NO. 1312

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

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INTRODUCED BY: Q.S.T.L.

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BY REQUEST

**Report Title:**

Legacy Land Conservation Commission

**Description:**

Authorizes the Chairperson of the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to designate a representative from the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission and authorizes the members of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission to elect their own chairperson.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Land and Natural Resources

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chairperson of Natural Area Reserves System (NARS) Commission to designate a representative from the NARS Commission to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation (LLC) Commission; and to authorize the members of the LLC Commission to elect their own chairperson.

MEANS: Amend sections 173A-2 and 173A-2.4(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: Section 173A-2.4(a), HRS, presently mandates that the Chairperson of NARS Commission serve as an ex-officio voting member and Chairperson of the LLC Commission. Service on state boards and commissions is unpaid, involving heavy time commitment and workload on the part of their members, especially those members who serve as chairpersons and, as such, take on an even bigger workload.

Authorizing the Chairperson of the NARS Commission to designate a representative from the NARS Commission to serve on the LLC Commission and removing the requirement that the NARS Commission Chairperson serve as the LLC Commission Chairperson will ease the workload of this member.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: LNR 101.

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OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.