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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that due to the rapid  
2 change taking place in the health care industry and the  
3 impending implementation of national health care reform, the  
4 corporate structure of governance for the Hawaii health systems  
5 corporation's board of directors requires the appropriate  
6 flexibility and autonomy necessary for community hospitals to  
7 compete and remain viable.

8           The current corporation board membership includes the five  
9 regional chief executive officers serving as ex officio, voting  
10 members. In light of the successful establishment of the  
11 regional boards and the significant challenges imposed by an  
12 ever-changing and complex health care environment, the time  
13 required to serve on the corporation board, and the desire for  
14 additional community participation, the legislature finds that  
15 it is time to increase the number of community members on the  
16 corporation board. The regional chief executive officers will  
17 continue to participate in the board meetings along with the



1 president and chief executive officer of Hawaii health systems  
2 corporation as invited staff.

3       The legislature further finds that changes to the  
4 corporation board membership will build on the excellent  
5 progress made by the regional boards in coordinating service  
6 delivery and improving the health of the island communities by  
7 supporting clear and consistent roles for all regions and  
8 creating a more balanced multi-board tiered system; creating a  
9 more balanced playing field for the regions; and enabling each  
10 region to strengthen the region's focus on quality care and  
11 services which respond to the needs of the respective  
12 communities.

13       The purpose of this Act is to affirm the State's commitment  
14 to providing quality health care and to enhance the integrity  
15 and function of the regional boards while improving the  
16 accountability and sustainability of the health system by:

- 17       (1) Removing the five regional chief executive officers  
18             and the at-large member selected by the governor from  
19             the corporation board;
- 20       (2) Adding one community member per region to the  
21             corporation board; and



1 (3) Adding one member, who shall alternately represent the  
2 eastern and western regions of the county of Hawaii,  
3 to the corporation board.

4 SECTION 2. Section 323F-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 "(b) The members of the corporation board shall be  
7 appointed as follows:

8 (1) The director of health as an ex-officio, voting  
9 member;

10 [~~2~~] ~~The five regional chief executive officers as ex-~~  
11 ~~officio, voting members;~~

12 [~~3~~] (2) [~~Two~~] Three members who reside in the county of  
13 Maui who shall be appointed by the Maui regional  
14 system board;

15 [~~4~~] (3) [~~One member~~] Two members who [~~resides~~] reside in  
16 the eastern section of the county of Hawaii who shall  
17 be appointed by the East Hawaii regional system board;

18 [~~5~~] (4) [~~One member~~] Two members who [~~resides~~] reside in  
19 the western section of the county of Hawaii who shall  
20 be appointed by the West Hawaii regional system board;

21 (5) One member who shall alternately represent, beginning  
22 with the eastern section, the eastern section and the



1           western section of the county of Hawaii and who shall  
2           be appointed by the respective regional system board;

3           (6) ~~[One member]~~ Two members who ~~[resides]~~ reside on the  
4           island of Kauai who shall be appointed by the Kauai  
5           regional system board; and

6           (7) ~~[One member]~~ Two members who ~~[resides]~~ reside on the  
7           island of Oahu who shall be appointed by the Oahu  
8           regional system board~~[, and~~

9           ~~(8) One member who shall be appointed by the governor and~~  
10           ~~serve as an at large voting member].~~

11           The appointed board members ~~[who reside in the county of~~  
12 ~~Maui, eastern section of the county of Hawaii, western section~~  
13 ~~of the county of Hawaii, on the island of Kauai, and on the~~  
14 ~~island of Oahu]~~ shall each serve for a term of four years;  
15 provided that the terms of the initial appointments shall be as  
16 follows: one of the initial members from the county of Maui  
17 shall be appointed to serve a term of two years and the other  
18 member shall be appointed to serve a term of four years; the  
19 initial member from East Hawaii shall be appointed to serve a  
20 term of two years; the initial member from West Hawaii shall be  
21 appointed to serve a term of four years; the initial alternating  
22 county of Hawaii member shall serve a term of four years; the

1 initial member from the island of Kauai shall be appointed to  
2 serve a term of two years; and the initial member from the  
3 island of Oahu shall be appointed to serve a term of four years.  
4 ~~[The at large member appointed by the governor shall serve a~~  
5 ~~term of two years.]~~

6 Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner provided for  
7 the original appointments. The corporation board shall elect  
8 its own chair from among its members. Appointments to the  
9 corporation board shall be as representative as possible of the  
10 system's stakeholders as outlined in this subsection."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Corporation Board; Membership

**Description:**

Adds a member to the corporation board of Hawaii health systems corporation who alternately represents the eastern and western regions of the county of Hawaii. Replaces the regional chief executive officers with community members from each respective region. Removes the at-large member selected by the governor.  
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