
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to promote gender
2 equity for members of boards and commissions and to clarify the
3 legislature's intent that a person who has failed to receive the
4 advice and consent of the senate shall continue in office as a
5 holdover member of a board or commission only until the senate
6 adjourns sine die.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
8 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
9 designated and to read as follows:

10 "§26- Members of boards and commissions; gender equity.
11 The governor or relevant appointing authority, as far as
12 practicable, shall strive for the goal of equal gender
13 representation when appointing members to boards and commissions
14 and shall give priority to achieving the goal of gender equity
15 when appointing members to vacancies, at-large positions, and as
16 alternates."

17 SECTION 3. Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The members of each board and commission established
2 by law shall be nominated and, by and with the advice and
3 consent of the senate, appointed by the governor. Unless
4 otherwise provided by this chapter or by law hereafter enacted,
5 the terms of the members shall be for four years; provided that
6 the governor may reduce the terms of those initially appointed
7 so as to provide, as nearly as can be, for the expiration of an
8 equal number of terms at intervals of one year for each board
9 and commission. Unless otherwise provided by law, each term
10 shall commence on July 1 and expire on June 30, except that the
11 terms of the chairpersons of the board of agriculture, the board
12 of land and natural resources, and the Hawaiian homes commission
13 shall commence on January 1 and expire on December 31. No
14 person shall be appointed consecutively to more than two terms
15 as a member of the same board or commission; provided that
16 membership on any board or commission shall not exceed eight
17 consecutive years. A person whose reappointment to a second
18 consecutive term fails to receive the consent of the senate may
19 continue in office as a holdover member only until the senate
20 adjourns sine die."



1 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Boards and Commissions; Gender Equity; Holdover Terms; Advice and Consent

Description:

Requires the governor or appointing authority to strive for equal gender representation when appointing members to boards and commissions. Prohibits members of boards and commissions whose reappointment to a second consecutive term has failed to receive the consent of the senate from serving as a holdover member. (HD3)

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