
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AGENCIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 171-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The board of land and natural resources shall be
4 composed of seven members, one from each land district and three
5 at large, to be nominated and, by and with the advice and
6 consent of the senate, appointed by the governor as provided in
7 section 26-34. The term and removal of a member of the board
8 and the filling of a vacancy on the board shall also be as
9 provided in section 26-34. There shall be not more than three
10 members on the board from the same political party. At least
11 one member of the board shall have a background in conservation
12 and natural resources, and at least one member of the board
13 shall have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional
14 and customary practices, as evidenced by:

15 (1) A college degree in a relevant field, including
16 forestry, wildlife conservation, geology,
17 environmental science, or marine biology[?], or a
18 degree in Hawaiian studies, native Hawaiian



1 traditional and customary practices, or related
2 subject area; or
3 (2) Work history sufficient to demonstrate an appropriate
4 level of knowledge in the subject of land and natural
5 resources, or native Hawaiian traditional and
6 customary practices, as relevant, including parks and
7 recreation, public lands management, natural area
8 reserves, aquatic resources, boating and recreation,
9 forestry and wildlife, water resources management,
10 ~~[e]~~ conservation and resources[-], or native Hawaiian
11 traditional and customary practices."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Report Title:

BLNR; Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practice

Description:

Requires at least one member of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. Effective July 1, 2020.
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