
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Hawaii law generally limits members of boards
2 and commissions to two four-year terms, with membership not to
3 exceed eight consecutive years. These limits help provide
4 boards and commissions with fresh energy, ideas, and expertise
5 through the periodic addition of new members. However, there
6 are no service limits for members of the natural energy
7 laboratory of Hawaii authority's research advisory committee,
8 which effectively allows certain members to serve indefinitely.

9 The purpose of this Act is to make the terms of the members
10 of the research advisory committee consistent with other boards
11 and commissions by limiting membership to two four-year terms
12 and eight consecutive years.

13 SECTION 2. Section 227D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "~~§~~227D-4~~§~~ **Research advisory committee.** The authority
16 shall appoint a research advisory committee for the purpose of
17 obtaining expert and specialized counsel and advice on matters
18 relating to scientific research and may include as members of



1 the committee officers and employees of any government
2 department or agency or members of the scientific community;
3 provided that [a~~t~~]:

4 (1) At least two members of the board shall be appointed
5 to the committee[-];

6 (2) The terms of the committee members shall be for four
7 years;

8 (3) No person shall be appointed consecutively to more
9 than two terms; and

10 (4) Membership on the committee shall not exceed eight
11 consecutive years.

12 Members of the advisory committee shall elect the chairperson
13 and secretary of the committee, who shall serve as members of
14 the board. The authority may assign its own staff to aid and
15 assist the committee and may reimburse any member of the
16 committee for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
17 the member's work for the authority."

18 SECTION 3. Upon the effective date of this Act and
19 notwithstanding section 26-34(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and
20 any other law to the contrary, the term of any member of the
21 research advisory committee who has served more than eight
22 consecutive years shall expire; provided that the member may



1 continue to serve in a holdover capacity pursuant to section 26-
2 34(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, until the member's successor is
3 appointed.

4 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

NELHA; Research Advisory Committee; Terms; Limits

Description:

Limits the terms of NELHA's research advisory committee to two four-year terms and eight consecutive years. Effective 07/01/2014.

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