
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 321H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~**321H-3** **Neurotrauma advisory board.** (a) There is
4 established within the department a neurotrauma advisory board
5 to advise the director in implementing this chapter.

6 (b) The board shall consist of ~~[twenty-one]~~ eleven members
7 to be appointed by the director. The director shall designate a
8 member to be the chairperson of the advisory board. The
9 director or a designee shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting
10 member of the advisory board. The director may also appoint up
11 to three state and county representatives whose work relates to
12 neurotrauma to be ex officio nonvoting members of the board.

13 The members shall serve for a term of four years; provided that
14 upon the ~~[initial]~~ appointment of members, ~~[five]~~ two shall be
15 appointed for a term of one year, ~~[five]~~ three for a term of two
16 years, ~~[five]~~ three for a term of three years, and ~~[six]~~ three
17 for a term of four years. In establishing the advisory board,
18 the director shall appoint:



- 1 (1) [~~Five~~] Two survivors of neurotrauma or their family
2 members [~~(two each)~~] (one for traumatic brain injuries
3 and one for spinal cord injuries);
- 4 (2) [~~Two members~~] One member of the Brain Injury
5 Association of Hawaii;
- 6 (3) One member representing the state traumatic brain
7 injury advisory board;
- 8 (4) [~~Three~~] Two members representing private sector
9 businesses that provide services for neurotrauma
10 survivors;
- 11 (5) One member representing trauma centers that provide
12 services for neurotrauma survivors;
- 13 [~~(6) Two members of the Spinal Cord Association;~~
- 14 ~~(7)]~~ (6) [~~Two representatives~~] One representative for
15 persons with stroke; and
- 16 [~~(8)]~~ (7) [~~Five~~] Three at-large members.
- 17 (c) The members shall serve without compensation but shall
18 be reimbursed for actual expenses, including travel expenses,
19 that are necessary for the performance of their duties.
- 20 (d) The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum
21 to do business shall consist of a majority of all the voting
22 members who have been appointed by the director and have



1 accepted that appointment. When a quorum is in attendance, the
2 concurrence of a majority of the voting members in attendance
3 shall make any action of the board valid."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Neurotrauma; Advisory Board; Brain Injury; Spinal Cord Injury

Description:

To facilitate meeting quorum requirements, reduces Neurotrauma Advisory Board membership from twenty-one to eleven members while maintaining representation of all existing parties. Clarifies quorum and voting requirements and allows the Director of Health to add members from state and county who work in neurotrauma. (SD1)

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