
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 200D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (c) to read:

4 "(c) The director of health; [~~the superintendent of~~
5 ~~education,~~] two representatives of the department of land and
6 natural resources, including one from the division of boating
7 and ocean recreation and one from the aquatic resources
8 division; the commanding officer of the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air
9 Station; the director of the office of planning; and the
10 director of business, economic development, and tourism; or
11 their designated representatives shall serve as ex officio,
12 nonvoting members of the council. Additionally, the council may
13 designate representatives of other appropriate agencies as ex
14 officio nonvoting members of the council."

15 2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

16 "(e) A chairperson shall be elected annually by the
17 council from among the council's voting members [~~provided that:~~



- 1 ~~(1) Only a nongovernmental member shall be elected as~~
2 ~~chairperson; and~~
- 3 ~~(2) No member may serve as chairperson for more than two~~
4 ~~consecutive years]."~~

5 SECTION 2. Section 200D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "**§200D-3 Kaneohe Bay regional council; general powers,**
8 **duties, and functions.** The council shall have the following
9 powers and duties and perform the following functions:

- 10 (1) Facilitate the implementation of the master plan as it
11 relates to ocean use activities;
- 12 (2) Review and periodically amend the master plan as it
13 relates to ocean use activities;
- 14 (3) Serve as a central coordinative clearinghouse of
15 public and private activities in Kaneohe Bay, and as a
16 repository and disseminator of information on the bay;
- 17 (4) Facilitate productive interaction between users of the
18 bay and the general public in order to develop a
19 common vision and make recommendations for public
20 policy related to the bay;
- 21 (5) Recommend research, studies, data collection, and
22 planning activities designed to provide additional



1 information on Kaneohe Bay, with particular reference
2 to the specific needs of the bay, and to publicize the
3 results thereof, to the extent that these functions do
4 not duplicate or supplant activities provided by other
5 state or county agencies;

6 (6) Advise and make recommendations to the State and the
7 county on matters regarding the use of Kaneohe Bay by
8 the general public, marine research programs, and
9 commercial ocean use activities, including legislative
10 matters;

11 (7) Develop short- and long-term goals based on the master
12 plan, resources, and programs for Kaneohe Bay;

13 (8) Educate the public and users of Kaneohe Bay on the
14 problems and needs of the bay through public education
15 programs;

16 (9) Serve as the public advocate for Kaneohe Bay;

17 (10) Initiate and maintain contact with public, private,
18 county, and state organizations, agencies, and
19 individuals engaging in activities in Kaneohe Bay; and

20 (11) Establish a Kaneohe Bay fishing panel to monitor
21 fishing activities in the bay, as recommended in the



1 master plan as it relates to ocean use activities [7
2 and
3 ~~(12) Hold annual public hearings until 1999 on the status~~
4 ~~of the implementation of the master plan as it relates~~
5 ~~to ocean use activities and research being conducted~~
6 ~~by the Hawaii institute of marine biology]."~~

7 SECTION 3. (a) The Kaneohe bay regional council shall
8 review and evaluate the provisions of section 200D-3, Hawaii
9 Revised Statutes, to determine whether its powers, duties, and
10 functions remain applicable and relevant and if changes to its
11 mission and functions are required.

12 (b) The Kaneohe bay regional council shall submit a report
13 of its findings and recommendations, including the results of
14 its review and evaluation pursuant to subsection (a), and any
15 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
16 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2015.

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



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Report Title:

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council; Membership; Functions; Report

Description:

Removes the superintendent of education from the Kaneohe bay regional council. Deletes the requirements that the chairperson of the council be a nongovernmental member and that the chairperson may not serve more than 2 consecutive years. Deletes the requirement that the council hold annual hearings on the status of the master plan. Requires the council to review and report on the continued relevance and need for changes in its powers, duties, and functions.

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