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S.B. NO. 1295

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) The members of each board and commission established  
4 by law shall be nominated and, by and with the advice and  
5 consent of the senate, appointed by the governor. In making  
6 nominations and appointments of members to a board or  
7 commission, the governor shall strive to achieve or to maintain  
8 gender equity in the composition of that board or commission.  
9 Unless otherwise provided by this chapter or by law hereafter  
10 enacted, the terms of the members shall be for four years;  
11 provided that the governor may reduce the terms of those  
12 initially appointed so as to provide, as nearly as can be, for  
13 the expiration of an equal number of terms at intervals of one  
14 year for each board and commission. Unless otherwise provided  
15 by law, each term shall commence on July 1 and expire on  
16 June 30, except that the terms of the chairpersons of the board  
17 of agriculture, the board of land and natural resources, and the  
18 Hawaiian homes commission shall commence on January 1 and expire



1 on December 31. No person shall be appointed consecutively to  
 2 more than two terms as a member of the same board or commission;  
 3 provided that membership on any board or commission shall not  
 4 exceed eight consecutive years."

5 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Boards and Commissions; Gender Equity

**Description:**

Requires the governor to achieve or maintain gender equity in the composition of boards and commissions when making nominations and appointments.

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