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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 171-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§171-4 Board of land and natural resources; terms and**  
4 **qualifications of members of the board; organization; expenses.**

5 (a) The board of land and natural resources shall be composed  
6 of seven members, one from each land district and three at  
7 large, to be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent  
8 of the senate, appointed by the governor as provided in section  
9 26-34. The term and removal of a member of the board and the  
10 filling of a vacancy on the board shall also be as provided in  
11 section 26-34. There shall be not more than three members on  
12 the board from the same political party.

13           (b) At least one member of the board shall have a  
14 background in conservation and natural resources, as evidenced  
15 by:



- 1 (1) A college degree in a relevant field, including  
2 forestry, wildlife conservation, geology,  
3 environmental science, or marine biology; or  
4 (2) Work history sufficient to demonstrate an appropriate  
5 level of knowledge in the subject of land and natural  
6 resources, including parks and recreation, public  
7 lands management, natural area reserves, aquatic  
8 resources, boating and recreation, forestry and  
9 wildlife, water resources management, or conservation  
10 and resources.

11 (c) At least one member of the board, other than the  
12 member appointed pursuant to subsection (b), shall have  
13 demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and  
14 customary practices, as evidenced by:

- 15 (1) A college degree in a relevant field, such as Hawaiian  
16 studies, native Hawaiian law, native Hawaiian  
17 traditional and customary practices, or related  
18 subject area;  
19 (2) Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of  
20 knowledge in native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
21 practices; or



1           (3) Substantial experience as a native Hawaiian  
2           traditional and customary practitioner.

3           ~~(b)~~ (d) Each member shall disclose and file with the  
4 board a list of all transactions with the department of land and  
5 natural resources in which the member has a direct interest.  
6 The member shall also disclose all transactions with the  
7 department involving any corporation, association, partnership,  
8 or joint venture in which the member is an officer, partner, or  
9 employee. Any member having any interest, direct or indirect,  
10 in any matter before the board shall disqualify oneself from  
11 voting on or participating in the discussion of the matter.

12           ~~(c)~~ (e) The governor shall select a chairperson of the  
13 board from among its members. The chairperson shall call and  
14 preside at meetings and may appoint a member of the board as  
15 secretary. The members of the board shall choose one of their  
16 number to act as chairperson during the absence or disability of  
17 the chairperson.

18           ~~(d)~~ (f) The members of the board shall serve without pay  
19 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses  
20 while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their  
21 duties."



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,  
4 and shall apply to the board of land and natural resources upon  
5 its next vacancy.

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BY REQUEST



# S.B. NO. 2105

**Report Title:**

OHA Package; Board of Land and Natural Resources; Composition

**Description:**

Requires that at least one member of the board of land and natural resources, other than the member appointed for having a background in conservation and natural resources, have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

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