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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 195D-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established within the department for  
4 administrative purposes only, the endangered species recovery  
5 committee, which shall serve as a consultant to the board and  
6 the department on matters relating to endangered, threatened,  
7 proposed, and candidate species. The committee shall consist of  
8 two field biologists with expertise in conservation biology, the  
9 chairperson of the board or the chairperson's designee, the  
10 ecoregion director of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
11 Service or the director's designee, the director of the United  
12 States Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division or the  
13 director's designee, [~~and~~] the director of the University of  
14 Hawaii Environmental Center or the director's designee[~~-~~], and a  
15 person possessing a background in native Hawaiian traditional  
16 and customary practices, as evidenced by:

17 (1) A college degree in a relevant field, such as Hawaiian  
18 studies, native Hawaiian law, native Hawaiian



1           traditional and customary practices, or related  
2           subject area;

3           (2) Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of  
4           knowledge in native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
5           practices; or

6           (3) Substantial experience in native Hawaiian traditional  
7           and customary practices.

8           Nongovernmental members shall be appointed by the governor  
9 pursuant to section 26-34. Nongovernmental members shall not  
10 serve for more than two consecutive terms. Nongovernmental  
11 members shall serve for four-year staggered terms, except that  
12 one of the members first appointed shall serve for two years.

13           Governmental members from the federal agencies are  
14 requested but not required to serve on the committee. The  
15 ability of the committee to carry out its functions and purposes  
16 shall not be affected by the vacancy of any position allotted to  
17 a federal governmental member."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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



**Report Title:**

Endangered Species Recovery Committee Membership; Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices

**Description:**

Amends the composition of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee by requiring inclusion of a member possessing a background in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. Describes ways in which background requirement may be met. (SB2875 HD1)

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