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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 349-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§349-4 Policy advisory board for elder affairs**~~[-]~~;  
4 **lifetime honorary kupuna.** (a) There shall be a policy advisory  
5 board for elder affairs, appointed by the governor under section  
6 26-34. The board shall advise the director in, but not limited  
7 to, the following areas:

- 8 (1) The identification of issues and alternative  
9 approaches to solutions;  
10 (2) The development of position statements and papers;  
11 (3) Advocacy and legislative actions; and  
12 (4) Program development and operations.

13 The board shall consist of not less than twenty-one nor more  
14 than twenty-nine members, a majority of whom are over sixty  
15 years of age and who shall be selected on the basis of their  
16 interests and knowledge in and their ability to make  
17 contributions to the solution of problems relating to aging, and  
18 shall include at least one member from the county of Hawaii, one



1 member from the county of Maui, one member from the county of  
2 Kauai, and one member from the city and county of Honolulu.  
3 There shall be nine members who shall serve as ex officio  
4 members and shall be chosen from among the heads of the  
5 following state agencies which provide services or programs  
6 affecting elders: health, human services, education, labor and  
7 industrial relations, University of Hawaii, transportation, the  
8 state retirement system, the office of consumer protection, and,  
9 by invitation, the Hawaii representative of the United States  
10 Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Of the non ex  
11 officio members, one-third of the members shall be appointed for  
12 the term of four years, one-third for the term of three years,  
13 and one-third for the term of two years; and thereafter the  
14 terms of office of each member shall be four years. The members  
15 shall serve without compensation, but shall be paid their  
16 necessary expenses in attending meetings and carrying out the  
17 responsibilities of the board. The chairperson shall be elected  
18 annually from the nongovernmental members of the board. There  
19 shall be not less than twelve meetings of the board each year.  
20 (b) The policy advisory board for elder affairs may honor  
21 a non ex-officio member by voting to award the member a lifetime



1 honorary kupuna title at a meeting called for the purpose and  
2 attended by a quorum. The governor:

3 (1) Shall take into consideration a person's receipt of a  
4 lifetime honorary kupuna title when considering the  
5 person's reappointment to the board; and

6 (2) Notwithstanding section 26-34, may reappoint a person  
7 who holds the lifetime honorary kupuna title for  
8 continued terms over the person's lifetime."

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

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



**Report Title:**

Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Lifetime Membership

**Description:**

Allows Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs to honor a non ex-officio member with an honorary kupuna title; requires Governor to consider honorary title when considering honoree's reappointment; authorizes Governor to reappoint honoree for continued terms over the honoree's lifetime. (SB54 HD1)

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