

HB 1618

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HB 1618: Relating To The Composition of The State of Hawaii

Aloha, My name is Noelani and I strongly support HB 1618 and believe that the Board of Natural Resources should consist of at least one member for each region with a background in conservation and natural resources. Also, I believe that these qualified members should have an abundance of knowledge regarding the traditions and unique culture of Hawaii.

As stated in HB 1618, those who have a strong background in conservation and natural resources should have obtained a college degree in a field that's related to the position. Those who do not meet these qualifications should be vacated of their position. Being born and raised in Hawai'i, I feel that each member should have an abundance amount of knowledge surrounding the Hawaiian traditions and unique culture. This qualification holds the most importance to me. Without this qualification, I do not believe the department can function properly and to its fullest ability.