
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, the [~~director~~] dean of the University of
14 Hawaii [~~Environmental Center~~] at Manoa college of natural
15 sciences or the [~~director's~~] dean's designee, and a person
16 possessing a background in native Hawaiian traditional and
17 customary practices, as evidenced by:



- 1 (1) A college degree in a relevant field, such as Hawaiian
2 studies, native Hawaiian law, native Hawaiian
3 traditional and customary practices, or related
4 subject area;
- 5 (2) Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of
6 knowledge in native Hawaiian traditional and customary
7 practices; or
- 8 (3) Substantial experience in native Hawaiian traditional
9 and customary practices.

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

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



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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 on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Endangered Species Recovery Committee; University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Natural Sciences.

Description:

Amends the composition of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee by replacing the University of Hawaii Environmental Center's Director with the Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Natural Sciences. (HB1029 HD1)

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