
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARD MEMBER TERMS FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE
BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The board of nursing and the board of speech
2 pathology and audiology are the only two boards among the
3 professional and vocational licensing division's twenty-five
4 boards and commissions to have three-year terms for board
5 members. Although members may be reappointed and serve two
6 three-year terms consecutively, possibly serving a total of six
7 years, this time is short compared to the other boards and
8 commissions that allow for two four-year terms.

9 In addition to being consistent with other board member
10 terms, longevity and continuity are key for board members to
11 learn and acclimate themselves in order to become effective
12 board members. Also, finding members who are willing to
13 volunteer and give up time away from their paying jobs is often
14 difficult. So once an individual is willing to devote the time
15 and energy to being a board member, that member should be
16 allowed to serve as much time as possible.



1 The legislature finds that the terms for members of the
 2 board of nursing and the board of speech pathology and audiology
 3 should be amended to provide continuity of effective board
 4 members and to be consistent with other boards and commissions
 5 under the professional and vocational licensing division of the
 6 department of commerce and consumer affairs.

7 The purpose of this Act is to amend the length of the terms
 8 of the members of the board of nursing and the board of speech
 9 pathology and audiology from three years to four years.

10 SECTION 2. Section 457-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 11 amended to read as follows:

12 "§457-3 State board of nursing; appointment; term of
 13 office. The board shall consist of nine members as follows:

- 14 (1) Six shall be registered nurses, one of whom shall be
- 15 licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in
- 16 this State;
- 17 (2) One shall be a licensed practical nurse; and
- 18 (3) Two shall be public members.

19 Both nursing education and direct providers of nursing services
 20 shall be represented on the board. The term of office for
 21 members of the board shall be [~~three~~] four years. No member



1 shall be appointed to more than two consecutive terms or serve
2 more than [~~six~~] eight consecutive years. Six members of the
3 board shall be residents of the city and county of Honolulu and
4 three shall be residents of counties other than the city and
5 county of Honolulu."

6 SECTION 3. Section 468E-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 "(c) Members shall serve for a term of [~~three~~] four years.
9 Terms shall begin on the first day of the fiscal year and end on
10 the last day of the fiscal year."

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall apply to the terms of members
12 currently serving on the board of nursing and to the terms of
13 members currently serving on the board of speech pathology and
14 audiology.

15 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Board of Nursing; Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology; Board
Member Terms

Description:

Amends the length of terms from three years to four years of the
members of the Board of Nursing and the Board of Speech
Pathology and Audiology. (HB2331 HD1)

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