
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 171-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " [H] §171-4.5 [H] Aha moku advisory committee; established.

4 (a) There is established the aha moku advisory committee to be
5 placed within the department of land and natural resources for
6 administrative purposes. The committee may advise the
7 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources in
8 carrying out the purposes of this section.

9 (b) The committee shall consist of eight members appointed
10 by the governor and confirmed by the senate from a list of
11 nominations submitted by the aha moku councils system of each
12 island. The term of each member shall be four years. No person
13 shall be appointed to more than two terms; provided that
14 membership shall not exceed an aggregate of eight years.

15 Oversight of the aha moku advisory committee shall be by the
16 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources. The
17 committee members shall select the committee chairperson and



1 vice chairperson from among the members. The committee
2 chairperson shall:

3 (1) Chair each committee meeting;

4 (2) Attend board meetings;

5 (3) Provide committee recommendations to the chairperson
6 of the board of land and natural resources for
7 inclusion in the board agenda; and

8 (4) Provide the aha moku council system with advocacy and
9 assistance in developing and adopting rules that will
10 impact native Hawaiian traditional and customary
11 practices.

12 (c) Each committee member shall:

13 (1) Meet with the member's respective island aha moku
14 councils prior to committee meetings to gather
15 recommendations from the aha moku councils, to be
16 submitted to the committee;

17 (2) Provide the member's respective aha moku councils with
18 information and materials on matters present before
19 the committee, and gather input from the island aha
20 moku councils prior to decision-making; and



1 (3) Report to the member's respective island aha moku
2 councils on committee decision and actions.

3 [~~e~~] (d) The members shall not receive compensation for
4 their service, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,
5 including travel expenses, incurred while participating in
6 meetings and events approved in advance by the chairperson of
7 the board of land and natural resources.

8 The aha moku advisory committee may hire an [~~executive~~
9 ~~director~~] executive assistant who shall be exempt from chapter
10 76. The [~~executive director~~] committee may hire [~~an~~
11 ~~administrative or executive assistant~~] any additional persons
12 necessary to assist the [~~executive director~~] committee in
13 accomplishing the purposes of the aha moku advisory committee[~~-~~]
14 pursuant to this section.

15 (e) The executive assistant shall provide administrative
16 assistance to the committee, including:

17 (1) Preparing all documents and recommendations of the aha
18 moku council system of each island for review and
19 recommendations by the committee;

20 (2) Providing committee members with logistical
21 assistance, including coordination of air and ground



- 1 transportation and boarding for attendance at
2 committee meetings and events;
- 3 (3) Providing administrative assistance for committee
4 meetings, including recording minutes, taking
5 attendance, and providing logistical assistance;
- 6 (4) Assisting the committee in its communication with the
7 aha moku council system of each moku and island;
- 8 (5) Assisting the committee in its communication with the
9 general public, chairperson of the board of land and
10 natural resources, and the various divisions of the
11 department;
- 12 (6) Assisting the committee in developing and adopting
13 rules relating to the committee's function and duties;
- 14 (7) Providing the committee administrative assistance in
15 establishing an annual schedule of monthly meetings,
16 including logistical assistance;
- 17 (8) Assisting the committee in establishing and
18 maintaining communications with stakeholders on each
19 island;
- 20 (9) Assisting the committee in attending to the capacity
21 needs of each aha moku council system, as identified



1 by the aha moku councils, including but not limited to
 2 the development and acquisition of necessary funding
 3 for the operations and activities of each moku;

4 (10) Providing the committee with a biannual budget for
 5 review and approval, which shall be provided to the
 6 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources
 7 for inclusion in the department's budget request; and

8 (11) Assisting the committee in developing other funding
 9 mechanisms, including the preparation of materials for
 10 committee review and approval.

11 ~~[(d)]~~ (f) The aha moku advisory committee ~~[may]~~, through
 12 its chairperson, shall provide advice and recommendations to the
 13 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources on the
 14 following:

- 15 (1) Integrating indigenous resource management practices
- 16 with western management practices in each moku;
- 17 (2) Identifying a comprehensive set of indigenous
- 18 practices for natural resource management;
- 19 (3) Fostering the understanding and practical use of
- 20 native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology, and
- 21 expertise;

- 1 (4) Sustaining the State's marine, land, cultural,
2 agricultural, and natural resources;
- 3 (5) Providing community education and fostering cultural
4 awareness on the benefits of the aha moku system;
- 5 (6) Fostering protection and conservation of the State's
6 natural resources; and
- 7 (7) Developing an administrative structure [~~that oversees~~
8 to establish a process for disseminating and receiving
9 information to and from the aha moku council system~~(-)~~
10 of each island.

11 (e) The committee shall submit an annual report in English
12 and Hawaiian to the legislature and the chairperson of the board
13 of land and natural resources no later than twenty days prior to
14 the convening of each regular legislative session. The annual
15 report shall include a list of all recommendations made by the
16 committee and the resulting action taken by the department over
17 the course of the prior year."

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



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

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Report Title:

Aha Moku Advisory Committee; Duties

Description:

Establishes duties of the chairperson and members of the aha moku advisory committee. Requires the committee to select a vice chairperson. Deletes the committee's authorization to hire an executive director. Authorizes the committee to hire an executive assistant and other staff. Clarifies duties of the executive assistant. Requires the committee to develop an administrative structure for communication with the aha moku council system from each island.

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