

JAN 23 2015

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Five members shall be appointed by the governor
4 subject to confirmation by the senate, in a manner prescribed in
5 subsection (d). Each member shall have substantial experience
6 in the area of water resource management; provided that [a~~t~~]:

7 (1) At least one member shall have substantial experience
8 or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource
9 management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian
10 riparian usage such as those preserved by section
11 174C-101[~~-~~]; and

12 (2) Each county shall be represented by a member who is a
13 resident of that county. For purposes of this
14 paragraph, the county of Kalawao shall be considered
15 to be included in the county of Maui.



1 The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources
2 shall be the chairperson of the commission. The director of
3 health shall serve as an ex officio voting member."

4 SECTION 2. The nomination and appointment, by and with the
5 advice and consent of the senate, of members of the commission
6 on water resource management pursuant to section 1 of this Act
7 shall take place as expeditiously as possible so that, to the
8 extent possible, the membership of the commission has at least
9 one member representing each county.

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Commission on Water Resource Management; Membership; County Representation

Description:

Requires the commission on water resource management to consist of at least one member representing each county who is a resident of that county.

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