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# 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 and who also has substantial  
14           experience in the area of water resource management.  
15           For purposes of this paragraph, the county of Kalawao  
16           shall be considered to be included in the county of  
17           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. The appointments shall be  
10 phased in as vacancies occur.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

13           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**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 and who also has substantial experience in the area of water resource management. Clarifies that appointments shall be phased in as vacancies occur. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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