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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 202, Hawaiian Homes Commission Act,  
2 1920, as amended, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read  
3 as follows:  
4           "(a) There shall be a department of Hawaiian home lands  
5 which shall be headed by an executive board to be known as the  
6 Hawaiian homes commission. The members of the commission shall  
7 be nominated and appointed in accordance with section 26-34,  
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes. The commission shall be composed of  
9 nine members, as follows: [~~three~~] two shall be residents of the  
10 city and county of Honolulu; two shall be residents of the  
11 county of Hawaii one of whom shall be a resident of east Hawaii  
12 and the other a resident of west Hawaii; [~~two~~] three shall be  
13 residents of the county of Maui, one of whom shall be a resident  
14 from the island of Molokai [~~+~~] and another of whom shall be a  
15 resident from the island of Lanai; one shall be a resident of  
16 the county of Kauai; and the ninth member shall be the chairman  
17 of the Hawaiian homes commission. All members shall have been  
18 residents of the State at least three years prior to their

1 appointment and at least four of the members shall be  
2 descendants of not less than one-fourth part of the blood of the  
3 races inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands previous to 1778. The  
4 members of the commission shall serve without pay, but shall  
5 receive actual expenses incurred by them in the discharge of  
6 their duties as such members. The governor shall appoint the  
7 chairman of the commission [~~from among the members thereof~~].

8 The commission may delegate to the chairman such duties,  
9 powers, and authority or so much thereof, as may be lawful or  
10 proper for the performance of the functions vested in the  
11 commission. The chairman of the commission shall serve in a  
12 full-time capacity. [~~He~~] The chairman shall, in such capacity,  
13 perform such duties, and exercise such powers and authority, or  
14 so much thereof, as may be delegated to [~~him~~] the chairman by  
15 the commission as herein provided above."

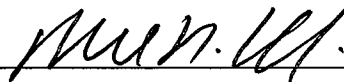
16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect  
19 on January 1, 2018.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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BY REQUEST

# S.B. NO. 961

**Report Title:**

Hawaiian Homes Commission; Composition

**Description:**

Amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to reduce the number of commissioners that are residents of the city and county of Honolulu and adds a commissioner from the island of Lanai.

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# SB. NO. 961

## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Hawaiian Home Lands

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION.

PURPOSE: Changes the composition of the Hawaiian Homes Commission by reducing the number of commissioners that are residents of the city and county of Honolulu and adding a commissioner from the island of Lanai.

MEANS: Amend section 202(a) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaiian Homes Commission is currently composed of nine members, and at least one member is a resident of each island on which the department has land with the exception of Lanai. The department acquired 50 acres on Lanai in 1999, and the department has awarded 29 leases on Lanai, and there are 66 applicants awaiting lease awards on Lanai. However, there is no provision for a member of the commission to be resident of Lanai.

Impact on the public: This proposal provides for a more direct connection for native Hawaiian beneficiaries on Lanai to the Hawaiian Homes Commission by requiring that at least one member of the commission is a resident of Lanai. This member will better understand the interests, needs, and concerns of beneficiaries as well as land management matters on Lanai.

Impact on the department and other agencies: A commission member from Lanai will support better informed decision making by the commission on matters related to Lanai.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

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PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION:

HHL 625.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

January 1, 2018.