THE SENATE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017 STATE OF HAWAII

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JAN 2 0 2017

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

SECTION 1. State boards and commissions provide an 1 opportunity for a cross-section of Hawaii's residents to offer 2 vital input and provide a means of influencing decisions that 3 4 shape the quality of life for the residents of Hawaii. The 5 governor nominates and appoints more than one hundred and seventy boards and commissions established by the State of 6 Hawaii Constitution, state statutes, and executive orders. 7 While the term for most boards and commissions is four years, 8 9 some terms vary depending upon the board or commission.

10 The legislature finds that it is imperative that members of 11 boards and commissions are appropriately and timely nominated 12 and appointed to enable the boards and commissions to meet and 13 conduct business.

14 The legislature further finds that an accurate and 15 comprehensive membership list of all state boards and 16 commissions that is monitored and maintained will ensure 17 government accountability, transparency, and efficiency.



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1 SECTION 2. Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: 3 "(c) A vacancy occurring in the membership of any board or 4 commission during a term shall be [filled]: 5 Promptly reported to the governor by the head of the (1) 6 department in which the board or commission is placed 7 or administratively attached; and 8 (2) Filled for the unexpired term thereof, subject to 9 Article V, section 6 of the Constitution of the 10 State." 11 SECTION 3. Section 27-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 13 "(b) The duties of the special advisor shall include but 14 not be limited to: 15 Developing, coordinating, and implementing short- and (1)16 long-range state policies and directions to enhance 17 the development of high technology industries in 18 Hawaii; Coordinating all state high technology agencies while 19 (2) 20 developing a plan for reorganization or consolidation



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1		of these agencies in the interests of greater
2		efficiency and cost effectiveness;
3	(3)	Advising the private sector in the development of high
4		technology activities and resources and providing
5		technical or other assistance to private industry upon
6		request;
7	(4)	Creating, disseminating, and updating a listing of all
8		high technology assistance programs in the State and
9		where they can be reached;
10	(5)	Pursuing appropriate public-private sector business
11		partnerships;
12	(6)	Coordinating the State's promotion and marketing of
13		the high technology industry, including a review of
14		current marketing efforts;
15	(7)	Arranging for the conduct of research through
16		contractual services with the University of Hawaii or
17		any agency or other qualified persons;
18	(8)	Encouraging the development of educational, training,
19		and career programs in high technology industries;
20		[and]



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1	(9)	Assi	sting the governor in creating, disseminating, and
2		upda	ting a list of all boards and commissions that
3		shal	l include the following information:
4		(A)	The names of the members of the respective board
5			or commission;
6		<u>(B)</u>	Each member's date of appointment, length of
7			term, and position;
8		(C)	Current vacancies on each board or commission;
9		(D)	Appointing or nominating authority;
10		<u>(E)</u>	Newly created or adopted boards or commissions
11			and their composition;
12		<u>(F)</u>	Citations to the statutory or constitutional
13	·		provisions that establish the respective board or
14			commission and other relevant laws relating to
15			the appointment or nominating criteria for the
16			specific board or commission; and
17		(G)	Statutory changes affecting the composition,
18			quorum, or term limits of a board or commission;
19			and
20	(10)	Perf	orming other necessary or desirable functions to
21		faci	litate the intent of this section."



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1	SECTION 4	. Section 30-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read	d as follows:
3	"[{]§30-4	[] Duties of outgoing governor. It shall be
4	incumbent upon	the outgoing governor to:
5	(1) Prov	ide channels enabling the governor-elect to:
6	(A)	Inform career civil servants of governor-elect's
7		program goals and new policies;
8	(B)	Effect communication channels with the
9		administration of the governor. The governor-
10		elect may obtain information from the governor's
11		administration by circulating questionnaires or
12		by other means. Information sought may include
13		any questions [which] that will effect the intent
14		of the legislature in enacting this legislation,
15		as expressed in section 30-1. [Such] <u>The</u>
16		contacts may also include inquiries designed to
17		elicit descriptions of programs, recommendations,
18		and justifications for elimination, curtailment,
19		or expansion of services, projections of future
20		developments or needs within program areas,
21		recommendations for administrative changes,



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1		comments upon anticipated federal developments			
2		which might have program or budgetary			
3		implications for state programs, and elaboration			
4		of procedural details [-]; and			
5	<u>(C)</u>	Appoint individuals to fill vacancies occurring			
6		in the membership of boards and commissions. The			
7		governor shall provide the governor-elect with an			
8		up-to-date list of information on boards' and			
9		commissions' memberships, terms of service, and			
10		any pending vacancies in accordance with section			
11		27-41; and			
12	(2) Dire	ct that official documents, vital information, and			
13	proc	edural manuals be given to the governor-elect upon			
14	the	governor-elect's request."			
15	SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general				
16	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much				
17	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the				
18	same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year				
19	2018-2019 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to				
20	manage the listing of information on all state boards and				
21	commissions.				



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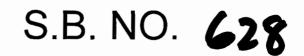
The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
the governor for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

INTRODUCED BY:





Report Title:

Boards and Commissions; Vacancy; Governor; Database; Listing

Description:

Requires department heads to inform the governor of any vacancy in any board or commission. Requires the governor to maintain a listing of all boards and commissions. Appropriation.

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