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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the board of land  
2 and natural resources does not include a member from the State's  
3 fishing and boating communities. The legislature further finds  
4 that including a member on the board who represents the State's  
5 fishing and boating communities will help to educate the other  
6 board members on the issues facing those communities,  
7 traditional fishing rights, and conservation of the State's  
8 ocean resources. This additional knowledge will result in well-  
9 informed decision-making by the board for matters that affect  
10 the fishing and boating communities.

11           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require that a  
12 member of the board of land and natural resources has knowledge  
13 of the State's fishing and boating communities, traditional  
14 fishing rights, and conservation of the State's ocean resources.

15           SECTION 2. Section 171-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:



1           "§171-4 Board of land and natural resources; terms and  
2 qualifications of members of the board; organization; expenses.

3       (a) The board of land and natural resources shall be composed  
4 of seven members, one from each land district and three at  
5 large, to be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent  
6 of the senate, appointed by the governor as provided in section  
7 26-34[-], and except as provided in subsection (d). The term  
8 and removal of a member of the board and the filling of a  
9 vacancy on the board shall also be as provided in section 26-34  
10 and subsection (d). There shall be not more than three members  
11 on the board from the same political party.

12       (b) At least one member of the board, other than the  
13 members appointed pursuant to subsections (c) and (d), shall  
14 have a background in conservation and natural resources, as  
15 evidenced by:

- 16           (1) A college degree in a relevant field, including  
17 forestry, wildlife conservation, geology,  
18 environmental science, or marine biology; or  
19           (2) Work history sufficient to demonstrate an appropriate  
20 level of knowledge in the subject of land and natural  
21 resources, including parks and recreation, public



1 lands management, natural area reserves, aquatic  
2 resources, boating and recreation, forestry and  
3 wildlife, water resources management, or conservation  
4 and resources.

5 (c) At least one member of the board, other than the  
6 ~~member~~ members appointed pursuant to ~~subsection~~ subsections

7 (b) [7] and (d), shall have demonstrated expertise in native  
8 Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, as evidenced by:

9 (1) A college degree in a relevant field, such as Hawaiian  
10 studies, native Hawaiian law, native Hawaiian  
11 traditional and customary practices, or related  
12 subject area;

13 (2) Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of  
14 knowledge in native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
15 practices; or

16 (3) Substantial experience as a native Hawaiian  
17 traditional and customary practitioner.

18 (d) At least one member of the board, other than the  
19 members appointed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c), shall  
20 have demonstrated knowledge of the State's non-commercial and



1 commercial fishing communities and recreational and commercial  
2 boating communities, as evidenced by:

3       (1) Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of  
4           knowledge of the State's non-commercial and commercial  
5           fishing communities, traditional fishing rights, and  
6           conservation of the State's ocean resources;

7       (2) Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of  
8           knowledge of the State's recreational and commercial  
9           boating communities; and

10       (3) Recommendation by a statewide fishing organization for  
11           nomination to the board.

12       ~~(d)~~ (e) Each member shall disclose and file with the  
13 board a list of all transactions with the department of land and  
14 natural resources in which the member has a direct interest.

15 The member shall also disclose all transactions with the  
16 department involving any corporation, association, partnership,  
17 or joint venture in which the member is an officer, partner, or  
18 employee. Any member having any interest, direct or indirect,  
19 in any matter before the board shall disqualify oneself from  
20 voting on or participating in the discussion of the matter.



1        [~~e~~] (f) The governor shall select a chairperson of the  
2 board from among its members. The chairperson shall call and  
3 preside at meetings and may appoint a member of the board as  
4 secretary. The members of the board shall choose one of their  
5 number to act as chairperson during the absence or disability of  
6 the chairperson.

7        [~~f~~] (g) The members of the board shall serve without pay  
8 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses  
9 while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their  
10 duties."

11        SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
13 begun before its effective date.

14        SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16        SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

BLNR; Fishing; Boating; Appointment; Qualifications

**Description:**

Adds a member to the Board of Land and Natural Resources who has demonstrated knowledge of, and experience in, the State's boating and fishing communities. (HB1410 HD1)

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