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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the policy advisory  
2 board for elder affairs has a majority of members who are elders  
3 and others who live on the neighbor islands. This contributes  
4 to the difficulty of meeting current quorum requirements for  
5 meetings because, per the state sunshine law, meetings cannot be  
6 held or minutes approved without quorum. Additionally, because  
7 there is no specific statutory definition of quorum for the  
8 policy advisory board for elder affairs, the default quorum is  
9 set at fifty per cent of members plus one.

10           The purpose of this Act is to establish quorum requirements  
11 for the policy advisory board for elder affairs.

12           SECTION 2. Section 349-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14           "(a) There shall be a policy advisory board for elder  
15 affairs, appointed by the governor under section 26-34. The  
16 board shall advise the director in but not limited to the  
17 following areas:



- 1 (1) The identification of issues and alternative
- 2 approaches to solutions;
- 3 (2) The development of position statements and papers;
- 4 (3) Advocacy and legislative actions; and
- 5 (4) Program development and operations.

6 The board shall consist of not less than fifteen nor more than  
7 twenty-one members, a majority of whom are over sixty years of  
8 age and who shall be selected on the basis of their interests  
9 and knowledge in and their ability to make contributions to the  
10 solution of problems relating to aging, and shall include at  
11 least one member from the county of Hawaii, one member from the  
12 county of Maui, one member from the county of Kauai, and one  
13 member from the city and county of Honolulu. There may be up to  
14 ten members who shall serve as ex officio[+,+] nonvoting members  
15 and may consist of the heads of the following agencies that  
16 provide services or programs affecting elders: health, human  
17 services, education, labor and industrial relations, commerce  
18 and consumer affairs, University of Hawaii, transportation, the  
19 state retirement system, and, by invitation, the Hawaii  
20 representatives of the United States Department of Health and  
21 Human Services and the Social Security Administration. Ex



1 officio members may delegate their board responsibilities to  
2 another member of their agency. Of the non ex officio members,  
3 one-third of the members shall be appointed for the term of four  
4 years, one-third for the term of three years, and one-third for  
5 the term of two years; and thereafter the terms of office of  
6 each member shall be four years. The members shall serve  
7 without compensation, but shall be paid their necessary expenses  
8 in attending meetings and carrying out the responsibilities of  
9 the board. The chairperson shall be elected annually from the  
10 nongovernmental members of the board. There shall be not less  
11 than twelve meetings of the board each year. Quorum shall be a  
12 majority of the currently serving members, but in no event fewer  
13 than eight members shall constitute a quorum."

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2059.



**Report Title:**

Kupuna Caucus; Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Quorum;

**Description:**

Establishes quorum requirements for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. (HB471 HD1)

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