
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 natural resources has knowledge of
13 the State's fishing and boating communities, traditional fishing
14 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. The term and removal of a member of the board and the
8 filling of a vacancy on the board shall also be as provided in
9 section 26-34. There shall be not more than three members on
10 the board from the same political party.

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

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



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1 resources, boating and recreation, forestry and
2 wildlife, water resources management, or conservation
3 and resources.

4 (c) At least one member of the board, other than the
5 ~~[member]~~ members appointed pursuant to ~~[subsection]~~ subsections
6 (b) ~~[7]~~ and (d), shall have demonstrated expertise in native
7 Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, as evidenced by:

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

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

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

17 (d) At least one member of the board, other than the
18 members appointed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c), shall
19 have demonstrated knowledge of the State's non-commercial and
20 commercial fishing communities and recreational and commercial
21 boating communities, as evidenced by:



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- 1 (1) Fishing experience that demonstrates an appropriate
2 level of knowledge in the State's non-commercial and
3 commercial fishing communities, traditional fishing
4 rights, and conservation of the State's ocean
5 resources;
- 6 (2) Boating experience that demonstrates an appropriate
7 level of knowledge in the State's recreational and
8 commercial boating communities; and
- 9 (3) Recommendation by a statewide fishing organization for
10 appointment to the board.

11 [~~d~~] (e) Each member shall disclose and file with the
12 board a list of all transactions with the department of land and
13 natural resources in which the member has a direct interest.
14 The member shall also disclose all transactions with the
15 department involving any corporation, association, partnership,
16 or joint venture in which the member is an officer, partner, or
17 employee. Any member having any interest, direct or indirect,
18 in any matter before the board shall disqualify oneself from
19 voting on or participating in the discussion of the matter.

20 [~~e~~] (f) The governor shall select a chairperson of the
21 board from among its members. The chairperson shall call and

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1 preside at meetings and may appoint a member of the board as
 2 secretary. The members of the board shall choose one of their
 3 number to act as chairperson during the absence or disability of
 4 the chairperson.

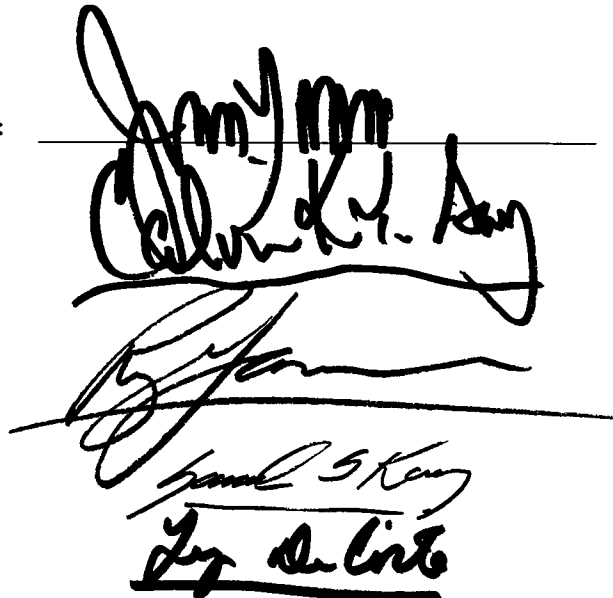
5 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) The members of the board shall serve without pay
 6 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses
 7 while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their
 8 duties."

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

12 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

BLNR; Fishing; Boating; Appointment; Qualifications

Description:

Adds a member to the Board of Land and Natural Resources who has demonstrated knowledge of the State's boating and fishing communities.

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