

1 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community face
2 will support better prevention and intervention strategies to
3 help this population. Accordingly, it is the purpose of this
4 chapter to provide for a statewide program, on a permanent and
5 continuing basis, on the status of lesbian, gay, bisexual,
6 transgender, queer, plus people in Hawaii.

7 **§ -2 Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter:

8 "Commission" means the Hawaii state lesbian, gay, bisexual,
9 transgender, queer, plus commission.

10 "County committee" means each committee on the status of
11 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus affairs as
12 appointed by the mayor of each respective county in accordance
13 with this chapter.

14 "Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus" includes
15 any individual who identifies as a member of the lesbian, gay,
16 bisexual, transgender, or queer community, or any individual who
17 identifies as a member of a sexual or gender minority, including
18 intersex, asexual, or pansexual individuals.

19 **§ -3 Hawaii state lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,**
20 **queer, plus commission; membership.** (a) There is created the
21 Hawaii state lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus



1 commission for a special purpose within the department of human
2 services for administrative purposes.

3 (b) The commission shall consist of the following:

4 (1) Ex officio, nonvoting members or their designees,
5 including the:

6 (A) Superintendent of education;

7 (B) President of the university of Hawaii system;

8 (C) Director of labor and industrial relations;

9 (D) Director of human resources development;

10 (E) Director of human services; and

11 (F) Director of health;

12 (2) Eight voting members who shall be appointed by the
13 governor in accordance with section 26-34; provided
14 that of these eight members:

15 (A) One member shall be from the county of Hawaii;

16 (B) One member shall be from the county of Kauai;

17 (C) One member shall be from the county of Maui;

18 (D) Four members shall be from the city and county of
19 Honolulu; and

20 (E) One voting member, who shall be identified by the
21 Hawaii sexual and gender minority work group.



1 (c) The governor shall appoint members of the commission
2 on the basis of their interests and knowledge in, and their
3 ability to make contributions to, the solution of problems
4 relating to the status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual,
5 transgender, queer, plus community.

6 (d) A chairperson of the commission shall be elected
7 annually from the seven appointed members of the commission. A
8 quorum to do business or to validate any act of the commission
9 shall consist of a majority of the seven appointed members of
10 the commission.

11 § -4 **Compensation.** The members of the commission shall
12 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
13 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
14 their duties.

15 § -5 **Executive director.** The commission shall appoint
16 an executive director for the proper administration and
17 enforcement of this chapter. The executive director shall be
18 appointed without regard to chapter 76.

19 § -6 **Powers and duties of the commission.** The
20 commission shall:



- 1 (1) Act as a central clearinghouse and coordinating body
2 for governmental and nongovernmental activities and
3 information relating to the status of the lesbian,
4 gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community in
5 the State;
- 6 (2) Create public awareness and understanding of the
7 responsibilities, needs, potentials, and contributions
8 of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,
9 plus community and their roles in the changing
10 society;
- 11 (3) Recommend legislative and administrative action on
12 equal treatment and opportunities for members of the
13 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus
14 community;
- 15 (4) Encourage a long-range program of education of members
16 of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,
17 plus community about their political rights and
18 responsibilities, particularly with respect to their
19 voting duties;
- 20 (5) Maintain contacts with appropriate federal, state,
21 local, and international agencies concerned with the



1 status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,
2 queer, plus community;

3 (6) Cooperate and collaborate with national groups on the
4 status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,
5 queer, plus community and arrange for participation by
6 representatives of the State in White House
7 conferences and other national conferences;

8 (7) Administer funds allocated for the commission's work,
9 including accepting, disbursing, and allocating funds
10 that may become available from other governmental and
11 private sources; provided that all funds shall be
12 disbursed or allocated in compliance with any specific
13 designation stated by the donor; provided further that
14 in the absence of any specific designation, the funds
15 shall be disbursed or allocated to projects related to
16 any of the purposes of this chapter; and

17 (8) Submit to the governor and legislature an annual
18 report with recommendations.

19 § -7 County committees on lesbian, gay, bisexual,
20 transgender, queer, plus affairs; membership; organization. (a)



1 The mayor of each county shall appoint a county committee. Each
2 county committee shall be charged with:

3 (1) The duty and responsibility of developing information
4 as the commission requires or as the county committee
5 deems advisable concerning the status of the members
6 of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,
7 plus community within the respective counties; and

8 (2) Any other appropriate duties and responsibilities as
9 may be deemed necessary by the respective counties.

10 (b) The county committees shall submit to the commission
11 plans and proposals affecting the status of members of the
12 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community in
13 the respective counties.

14 (c) Each county committee shall endeavor to secure the
15 widest possible citizen participation in its efforts and, for
16 this purpose, may use existing public or private organizations.
17 Each county committee shall include the county attorney or
18 corporation counsel and the county representative of the
19 commission as ex officio members. The other members shall be
20 selected on the basis of their interest and knowledge in, and
21 their ability to make contributions to, the solution of problems



1 relating to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus
2 community within the respective county and their knowledge of
3 local conditions. The chairperson of each county committee
4 shall be elected annually from the nongovernmental members of
5 the committee. The terms of office of each member shall be four
6 years. Each county committee shall meet at least four times a
7 year. The members of the county committees shall receive no
8 compensation for their services. The respective county
9 legislative bodies are authorized to make appropriations to meet
10 the necessary expenses of their respective committees."

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
14 the Hawaii state lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,
15 plus commission and to carry out the purposes of this Act.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 human services for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
19 2059.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2059. (HD1)

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