



GOV. MSG. NO. 1247

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 30, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1030 HD2 SD1

RELATING TO THE AQUATIC LIFE AND
WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEES
ACT 145 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AQUATIC LIFE AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus
2 disease 2019 pandemic has had a catastrophic impact on the world
3 economy. The complexities of dealing with a worldwide health
4 crisis have added additional layers of uncertainty that may
5 increase the time needed for recovery. As a result of this, the
6 State has initiated a fiscal biennium 2021-2023 program review
7 to identify ways to:

8 (1) Reduce expenditures;

9 (2) Identify programs, functions, and activities for
10 possible elimination that, although well-intentioned,
11 are of marginal benefit, low performing, or of lesser
12 priority; and

13 (3) Identify cost-saving opportunities in core and primary
14 programs and services through tightening program
15 eligibility, reducing program benefits, improving
16 efficiency, or cost shifting.



1 The legislature further finds that the department of land
2 and natural resources (DLNR), after thorough review and much
3 scrutiny, has determined that the aquatic life and wildlife
4 advisory committees have rarely convened or been needed, and as
5 such, are outdated. While this Act would reduce the size of the
6 animal species advisory commission by removing the chairs of the
7 aquatic life and wildlife advisory committees from the animal
8 species advisory commission, DLNR believes that there is still
9 sufficient representation on the animal species advisory
10 commission to carry out its duties. DLNR is also able to
11 administratively convene a similar advisory committee if it
12 deems necessary.

13 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the aquatic life and
14 wildlife advisory committees and make conforming amendments.

15 SECTION 2. Section 197-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by repealing the definition of "committee".

17 ~~["Committee" means the aquatic life and wildlife advisory~~
18 ~~committee established in each of the counties of the State."]~~

19 SECTION 3. Section 197-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) There is established within the department an animal
2 species advisory commission which may serve in an advisory
3 capacity to the board. The commission shall consist of
4 ~~[thirteen]~~ nine members to be appointed by the governor in the
5 manner provided in section 26-34. ~~[The chairperson of each~~
6 ~~aquatic life and wildlife advisory committee established~~
7 ~~pursuant to this chapter and three]~~ Three members of the
8 department designated by the chairperson of the ~~[department,~~
9 board, and no less than one each from the professional fields of
10 aquatic life, wildlife, and conservation and resources
11 enforcement, shall serve as members of the commission. Six of
12 the members shall be scientists in the fields of botany,
13 mammalogy, ichthyology, entomology, ornithology, and
14 invertebrate zoology. The commission shall select its own
15 chairperson."

16 SECTION 4. Section 197-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 repealed.

18 ~~["§197-4 Aquatic life and wildlife advisory committees.~~
19 ~~(a) There is established in each of the counties of the State~~
20 ~~an aquatic life and wildlife advisory committee. Each committee~~
21 ~~shall be composed of members of the board representing the~~



1 ~~county, who shall serve ex officio and shall be nonvoting~~
2 ~~members, and five members appointed by the governor in~~
3 ~~accordance with section 26-34, who shall be knowledgeable in the~~
4 ~~taking and conservation of aquatic life and wildlife. The~~
5 ~~members shall serve for four year terms. Each committee shall~~
6 ~~select its own chairperson from its voting members, and three~~
7 ~~voting members shall constitute a quorum. Members of the~~
8 ~~committees shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed~~
9 ~~by the board for all necessary expenses, including stenographic~~
10 ~~services.~~

11 ~~(b) A committee shall meet at the call of its chairperson~~
12 ~~or of any three of its members for the consideration of any~~
13 ~~matter affecting the taking and conservation of aquatic life and~~
14 ~~wildlife within the county, including proposed rules and the~~
15 ~~enforcement thereof. Each committee may hear such persons and~~
16 ~~acquire such information as it desires and shall communicate its~~
17 ~~findings and recommendations to the department."]~~

18 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 1030
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

APPROVED this 30 day of JUN, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1030, HD 2, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 22, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

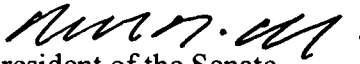



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 13, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate