
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the requirements of
2 section 174C-101(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which require that
3 adequate reserves of water for current and foreseeable
4 development of Hawaiian home lands be incorporated and protected
5 decisions of the commission on water resource management, can be
6 improved through representation on the commission on water
7 resource management. The purpose of this Act is to add the
8 chairman of the Hawaiian homes commission or the chairman's
9 designee to the commission on water resource management.

10 SECTION 2. Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

12 "(a) There is established within the department a
13 commission on water resource management consisting of [~~seven~~]
14 eight members [~~which~~] that shall have exclusive jurisdiction and
15 final authority in all matters relating to implementation and
16 administration of the state water code, except as otherwise
17 specifically provided in this chapter.



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(b) Five members shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate in the manner prescribed in subsection (d). Each ~~[member]~~ of the appointed five members shall have substantial experience in the area of water resource management; provided that at least one member shall have substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage such as those preserved by section 174C-101. The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall be the chairperson of the commission. The director of health or the director's designee shall serve as an ex officio[+], [+] voting member. The chairman of the Hawaiian homes commission of the chairman's designee shall serve as an ex officio, voting member."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Commission on Water Resource Management; Membership; Hawaiian Homes Commission

Description:

Increases the number of members of the commission on water resource management to eight and adds the chairman of the Hawaiian homes commission or the chairman's designee to the commission.

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