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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii  
2 interagency council on homelessness was established in 2012 to  
3 provide solutions for ending homelessness in Hawaii. The  
4 membership of this council represents a wide cross section of  
5 the community, including representatives from the government,  
6 business community, faith-based community, and social services,  
7 and was intended to provide the perspective and expertise  
8 necessary to develop overall strategies to prevent and end  
9 homelessness.

10       The legislature further finds that in the wake of the  
11 coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, the number of people  
12 experiencing homelessness is expected to increase across the  
13 State. According to True Colors United, an American nonprofit  
14 organization that addresses youth homelessness in the United  
15 States, forty per cent of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+ and  
16 LGBTQ+ youth are one hundred twenty per cent more likely to  
17 experience homelessness than their non-LGBTQ+ peers.



1        Accordingly, the purpose of this measure is to specifically  
2        consider the needs of homeless LGBTQ+ youth by requiring a  
3        representative from an LGBTQ+ focused organization as a member  
4        of the Hawaii interagency council on homelessness.

5        SECTION 2. Section 346-382, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6        amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7        "(a) The Hawaii interagency council on homelessness shall  
8        be composed of the following members or the member's designee:

9            (1) Governor's coordinator on homelessness, who shall  
10            serve as chair;

11           (2) Director of human services;

12           (3) Administrator of the homeless programs office of the  
13           department of human services;

14           (4) Director of health;

15           (5) Director of labor and industrial relations;

16           (6) Director of public safety;

17           (7) Director of business, economic development, and  
18           tourism;

19           (8) Chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission;

20           (9) Adjutant general;



- 1       (10) Chairperson of the board of trustees of the office of  
2           Hawaiian affairs;
- 3       (11) Attorney general;
- 4       (12) Superintendent of education;
- 5       (13) Two members of the house of representatives to be  
6           designated by the speaker of the house of  
7           representatives, of whom one member shall be  
8           designated by the speaker of the house of  
9           representatives to serve as an alternate member on the  
10          Hawaii interagency council on homelessness to serve in  
11          the other member's absence;
- 12      (14) Two members of the senate to be designated by the  
13          president of the senate, of whom one member shall be  
14          designated by the president of the senate to serve as  
15          an alternate member on the Hawaii interagency council  
16          on homelessness to serve in the other member's  
17          absence;
- 18      (15) A representative of the Hawaii public housing  
19          authority;
- 20      (16) The mayor of each county;



1 (17) A representative of the continuum of care programs in  
2 each county, to be designated by the respective  
3 mayors;

4 (18) A representative of the United States Department of  
5 Veterans Affairs who shall be requested to serve by  
6 the governor;

7 (19) A representative from the Office of Community Planning  
8 and Development, United States Department of Housing  
9 and Urban Development, who shall be requested to serve  
10 by the governor;

11 (20) A representative of a faith-based organization with  
12 interfaith relationships, to be designated by the  
13 governor; ~~[and]~~

14 (21) A representative of the business community, to be  
15 designated by the governor~~[-]~~; and

16 (22) A representative of an LGBTQ+ focused organization to  
17 be designated by the governor."

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



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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 2207

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness; LGBTQ+ Youth

**Description:**

Adds a representative of an LGBTQ+ focused organization as a member on the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness.

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