
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 section 174C-101(a),
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that decisions of the
3 commission on water resource management relating to the
4 planning, regulation, management, and conservation of water
5 resources in the State shall, to the extent applicable and
6 consistent with other legal requirements and authority,
7 incorporate and protect adequate reserves of water for current
8 and foreseeable development and use of Hawaiian home lands as
9 set forth in section 221 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

10 The purpose of this Act is to add the chairperson of the
11 Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designated
12 representative as an ex officio, voting member to the commission
13 on water resource management to advance the interest of
14 beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

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



1 "(a) There is established within the department a
2 commission on water resource management consisting of [~~seven~~
3 eight members which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and final
4 authority in all matters relating to implementation and
5 administration of the state water code, except as otherwise
6 specifically provided in this chapter.

7 (b) Five members shall be appointed by the governor
8 subject to confirmation by the senate in the manner prescribed
9 in subsection (d). Each member, excluding the chairpersons of
10 the board of land and natural resources and the Hawaiian homes
11 commission, shall have substantial experience in the area of
12 water resource management; provided that at least one member
13 shall have substantial experience or expertise in traditional
14 Hawaiian water resource management techniques and in traditional
15 Hawaiian riparian usage such as those preserved by section
16 174C-101. The chairperson of the board of land and natural
17 resources shall be the chairperson of the commission. The
18 director of health or the director's designee shall serve as an
19 ex officio[+], [+] voting member. The chairperson of the
20 Hawaiian homes commission or the chairperson's designee shall
21 serve as an ex officio, voting member."



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Commission on Water Resource Management; Hawaiian Homes
Commission; Representation; Membership

Description:

Adds the chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the
chairperson's designee to serve as an ex officio, voting member
on the Commission on Water Resource Management. Takes effect
7/1/2050. (SD1)

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