
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 201B-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsections (b) and (c) to read:

4 "(b) The authority shall be headed by a policy-making
5 board of directors that shall consist of [~~twelve~~] nine members;
6 provided that:

7 (1) The members shall be appointed by the governor as
8 provided in section 26-34, except as provided by this
9 section;

10 (2) The members shall include at least one representative
11 each from the city and county of Honolulu and the
12 counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui;

13 (3) Three members shall be appointed by the governor from
14 a list of three names submitted for each appointment
15 by the president of the senate, and three members
16 shall be appointed by the governor from a list of
17 three names submitted for each appointment by the



- 1 speaker of the house of representatives; provided that
2 if fewer than three names are submitted for each
3 appointment, the governor may disregard the list;
- 4 (4) At least [~~six~~] four members shall have knowledge,
5 experience, and expertise in the area of
6 accommodations, transportation, retail, entertainment,
7 or attractions, and at least one member appointed by
8 the governor shall have knowledge, experience, and
9 expertise in the area of Hawaiian cultural practices;
10 provided that [~~no~~] not more than [~~three~~] two members
11 shall represent, be employed by, or be under contract
12 to any sector of the industry represented on the
13 board;
- 14 (5) One member shall be the director of business, economic
15 development, and tourism, or the director's designee,
16 who shall be an ex officio voting member;
- 17 (6) The governor shall make appointments to ensure the
18 fulfillment of all requirements of paragraphs (2) and
19 (4); provided that upon the occurrence of a vacancy
20 subject to paragraph (3), the governor shall notify
21 the president of the senate and the speaker of the



1 house of representatives of any unfulfilled
2 requirements pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (4), and
3 the president of the senate or the speaker of the
4 house of representatives, as appropriate, shall submit
5 nominees who fulfill those requirements; [~~and~~]

6 (7) No person who has served as a member of the board of
7 directors of [~~the Hawaii Visitors and Convention~~
8 ~~Bureau~~] a current contractor of the Hawaii tourism
9 authority shall be eligible to sit as a member of the
10 board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority
11 until at least two years have expired between the
12 person's termination from service [~~on the Hawaii~~
13 ~~Visitors and Convention Bureau board~~] to the
14 contractor and the person's appointment to the
15 authority's board of directors[~~-~~];

16 (8) No person whose business, position, or other
17 undertakings in which the person may have a financial
18 interest constituting a conflict of interest shall
19 serve as member of the board of directors; and

20 (9) No board member shall, for a fee or other
21 consideration, act in a representative capacity or



1 assist any person, business, or entity that has been
2 awarded a contract by the authority.

3 (c) Members shall be appointed by the governor for terms
4 of four years; provided that membership on the board shall not
5 exceed eight consecutive years; provided further that each
6 member shall [~~hold office until the member's successor is~~
7 ~~appointed and qualified.~~] not continue as a holdover member
8 beyond the beginning of the next regular legislative session,
9 following the expiration of the member's term."

10 2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

11 "(e) [~~Seven~~] Five members shall constitute a quorum and a
12 minimum of [~~seven~~] five affirmative votes shall be necessary for
13 all actions by the authority. The members shall serve without
14 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
15 traveling expenses, necessary for the performance of their
16 duties."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

HTA; Board Members; Holdover Position; Term Limits

Description:

Reduces the number of members on the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board of Directors and number of members that constitute a quorum. Makes certain amendments to membership eligibility. Prohibits holdover board members of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from holding office beyond the commencement of the next legislative session following the expiration of the member's term of office. (SD1)

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