

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOURISM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 201B-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

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

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

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

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



S.B. NO. 2535

1 if fewer than three names are submitted for each
2 appointment, the governor may disregard the list;

3 (4) At least six members shall have knowledge, experience,
4 and expertise in the area of accommodations,
5 transportation, retail, entertainment, or attractions,
6 and at least one member appointed by the governor
7 shall have knowledge, experience, and expertise in the
8 area of Hawaiian cultural practices; provided that no
9 more than three members shall represent, be employed
10 by, or be under contract to any sector of the industry
11 represented on the board;

12 [~~5~~] ~~One member shall be the director of business, economic~~
13 ~~development, and tourism, or the director's designee,~~
14 ~~who shall be an ex officio voting member;~~

15 ~~(6)]~~ (5) The governor shall make appointments to ensure
16 the fulfillment of all requirements of paragraphs (2)
17 and (4); provided that upon the occurrence of a
18 vacancy subject to paragraph (3), the governor shall
19 notify the president of the senate and the speaker of
20 the house of representatives of any unfulfilled
21 requirements pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (4), and



S.B. NO. 2535

1 the president of the senate or the speaker of the
2 house of representatives, as appropriate, shall submit
3 nominees who fulfill those requirements; and

4 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) No person who has served as a member of the board
5 of directors of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention
6 Bureau shall be eligible to sit as a member of the
7 board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority
8 until at least two years have expired between the
9 person's termination from service on the Hawaii
10 Visitors and Convention Bureau board and the person's
11 appointment to the authority's board of directors."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

15

INTRODUCED BY:

Lyn Salento



S.B. NO. 2535

Report Title:

DBEDT; HTA; Board; Members

Description:

Removes the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism from membership on the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

