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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, requires decisions of the commission
3 water resource management to incorporate and protect adequate
4 reserves of water for current and foreseeable development and
5 use of Hawaiian home lands. .

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to add the
7 chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission, or the
8 chairperson's designee, to the commission on water resource
9 management in a similar ex officio membership as the director of
10 health, or the director's designee.

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

13 "(a) There is established within the department a
14 commission on water resource management consisting of [~~seven~~]
15 eight members which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and final
16 authority in all matters relating to implementation and




1 administration of the state water code, except as otherwise
2 specifically provided in this chapter.

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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 205

Report Title:

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; HHC; CWRM; Membership

Description:

Adds the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or the chairperson's designee, to the Commission on Water Resource Management.

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