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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:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 174C-101(a),
 Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires decisions of the commission
 water resource management to incorporate and protect adequate
 reserves of water for current and foreseeable development and
 use of Hawaiian home lands.

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

SECTION 2. Section 174C-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows: "(a) There is established within the department a commission on water resource management consisting of [seven] <u>eight</u> members which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and final authority in all matters relating to implementation and

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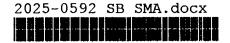
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administration of the state water code, except as otherwise
 specifically provided in this chapter.

Five members shall be appointed by the governor 3 (b) 4 subject to confirmation by the senate in the manner prescribed in subsection (d) [. Each]; provided that each member shall have 5 substantial experience in the area of water resource management; 6 provided further that at least one member shall have substantial 7 experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource 8 management techniques and in traditional Hawaiian riparian usage 9 [such as] including those preserved by section 174C-101. 10 The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources shall be 11 12 the chairperson of the commission. The director of health [or the director's designee] and the chairperson of the Hawaiian 13 homes commission, or their respective designees, shall serve as 14 [an] ex officio[+],[+] voting [member.] members." 15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 16

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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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