

**ACT 126**

H.B. NO. 3321

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Human Services.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 348-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There is established within the department of human services a state advisory council on rehabilitation. The council shall consist of nineteen members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34[.] and without regard to section 78-4. The members shall include:

- (1) At least one representative of the statewide council on independent living;
- (2) At least one representative of a parent training and information center;
- (3) At least one representative of the client assistance program;
- (4) At least one vocational rehabilitation counselor with knowledge of and experience with vocational rehabilitation programs, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member if employed by the vocational rehabilitation division of the department;
- (5) At least one representative of community rehabilitation program service providers;
- (6) At least four representatives of business, industry, and labor;
- (7) Representatives of disability advocacy groups representing a cross section of individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities, and parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty in representing themselves or are unable due to their disabilities to represent themselves;
- (8) Current or former applicants for or recipients of vocational rehabilitation services; and
- (9) The director of human services, who shall be an ex officio member[.];

[A] provided that the council shall include at least one member from each county; and provided further that a majority of the council members shall be persons who have disabilities and are not employed by the department. The council members shall elect a chairperson from the membership. Each member of the council shall serve a three-year term but may not serve more than two consecutive full terms.

SECTION 2. Section 348-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) The council shall advise the department on eligibility, order of selection, services provided, and performance of the department in providing services, and review the effectiveness of, and consumer satisfaction with, the performance of the department and other public and private entities. The council shall prepare and submit an annual report to the governor on the status of<sup>1</sup> vocational rehabilitation programs within the State and make the report available to the public.”

SECTION 3. Section 348-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There is established within the department of human services a statewide council on independent living. The council shall consist of nineteen members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34[.] and without regard to section 78-4. The members shall include:

- (1) At least one director of a center for independent living chosen by the directors of centers of<sup>2</sup> independent living;
- (2) An employee of the department as an ex officio nonvoting member; and
- (3) Members of other state agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities as ex officio nonvoting members.

The council may also include:

- (1) Additional representatives from centers for independent living;
- (2) Parents and guardians of individuals with disabilities;

- (3) Advocates of and for individuals with disabilities;
- (4) Representatives from private business;
- (5) Representatives from organizations that provide services; and
- (6) Other appropriate individuals[.];

[A] provided that the council shall include at least one member from each county; and provided further that a majority of the council shall be individuals with disabilities who are not employed by any state agency or center for independent living. The council shall elect a chairperson from the membership. Each member shall serve a term of three years and may not serve more than two consecutive full terms.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1994.

(Approved June 8, 1994.)

#### Notes

- 1. Prior to amendment “the” appeared here.
- 2. Prior to amendment “for” appeared here.