

ACT 8

H.B. NO. 1258

A Bill for an Act Relating to Aging.

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

SECTION 1. Section 349-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§349-4 Policy advisory board for elder ~~affairs~~; lifetime honorary kupauna. (a) There shall be a policy advisory board for elder affairs, appointed by the governor under section 26-34. The board shall advise the director in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- (1) The identification of issues and alternative approaches to solutions;
- (2) The development of position statements and papers;
- (3) Advocacy and legislative actions; and
- (4) Program development and operations.

The board shall consist of not less than twenty-one nor more than twenty-nine members, a majority of whom are over sixty years of age and who shall be selected on the basis of their interests and knowledge in and their ability to make contributions to the solution of problems relating to aging, and shall include at least one member from the county of Hawaii, one member from the county of Maui, one member from the county of Kauai, and one member from the city and county of Honolulu. There shall be nine members who shall serve as ex officio members and shall be chosen from among the heads of the following state agencies which provide services or programs affecting elders: health, human services, education, labor and industrial relations, University of Hawaii,

transportation, the state retirement system, the office of consumer protection, and, by invitation, the Hawaii representative of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Of the non ex officio members, one-third of the members shall be appointed for the term of four years, one-third for the term of three years, and one-third for the term of two years; and thereafter the terms of office of each member shall be four years. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be paid their necessary expenses in attending meetings and carrying out the responsibilities of the board. The chairperson shall be elected annually from the nongovernmental members of the board. There shall be not less than twelve meetings of the board each year.

(b) The policy advisory board for elder affairs may honor a non ex-officio member by voting to award the member a lifetime honorary kupuna title at a meeting called for the purpose and attended by a quorum. The governor:

- (1) Shall take into consideration a person's receipt of a lifetime honorary kupuna title when considering the person's reappointment to the board; and
- (2) Notwithstanding section 26-34, may reappoint a person who holds the lifetime honorary kupuna title for continued terms over the person's lifetime."

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

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

(Approved April 10, 2013.)