

## ACT 24

S.B. NO. 422

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Environmental Advisory Council.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 152), administratively transferred the environmental advisory council from the department of health to the office of planning and sustainable development. In doing so, sections 341-3 and 341-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, were repealed. However, section 341-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which sets out the functions of the environmental council, still references one of the sections repealed by Act 152.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make a housekeeping amendment to section 341-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Section 341-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§341-6 Functions of the environmental advisory council.** The environmental advisory council shall serve as a liaison between the office of planning and sustainable development and the general public by soliciting information, opinions, complaints, recommendations, and advice concerning ecology and environmental quality through public hearings or any other means and by publicizing such matters as requested by the director [~~pursuant to section 341-4(b)(3)~~]. The environmental advisory council may make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality to the office of planning and sustainable development and shall meet at the call of the council chairperson or the director of the office of planning and sustainable development upon notifying the council chairperson. The environmental advisory council shall monitor the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State’s environmental goals and policies and shall submit its report and recommendations for improvements concerning ecology and environmental quality to the office of planning and sustainable development, which shall include the report and recommendations in its annual report to the legislature. All state and county agencies shall cooperate with the council by responding to its requests for information.”

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SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 19, 2023.)