
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is in the best
2 interests of the State to pursue gender balance by providing
3 equal employment opportunities for all segments of Hawaii's
4 population through affirmative action and nondiscriminatory
5 measures and by fostering a business climate in Hawaii that is
6 conducive to the expansion of existing enterprises and the
7 creation and attraction of new businesses and industry.

8 The purpose of this Act is to encourage transparent and
9 fair selection procedures to achieve gender balance with
10 qualified candidates for boards and commissions.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
12 by adding a new section to part II be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§26- Gender balance on boards and commissions. (a)
15 Appointing authorities for boards and commissions of the State
16 established by law, if not otherwise provided by law, shall
17 attempt to achieve gender balance in the appointment of
18 qualified candidates to those boards or commissions. If there



1 are multiple appointing authorities for a board or commission,
2 those authorities shall consult with each other to work towards
3 achieving gender balance on the board or commission.

4 (b) When appointing or reappointing in accordance with
5 subsection (a) and section 26-34, a transparent and fair
6 selection procedure shall include a list of qualified
7 candidates.

8 (c) If candidates of only one gender appear on a list of
9 qualified candidates, the entity creating the list of qualified
10 candidates, within ten days of submitting the list of qualified
11 candidates to the appointing authority, shall submit a report to
12 the legislature on the efforts made to include candidates of the
13 other gender in filling the vacancy.

14 (d) The department of human resources development shall
15 calculate the number of male and female appointments subject to
16 subsection (a) and report this information to the legislature,
17 on a quarterly basis, to provide reliable statistics that may be
18 used to monitor the current situation and trends over time."

19 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Boards and Commission Membership; Gender Equity

Description:

Requires the governor or appointing authority to attempt gender equity when appointing members of state boards and commission. Requires DHRD to report the number of men and women on boards and commissions.

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