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**HAWAI'I ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING**  
**The Committee On Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE)**  
**DATE: Wednesday, October 29, 2025**  
**TIME: 1:00 P.M.**  
**PLACE: 2025 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention**  
**Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa, Keauhou Ballroom**  
**78-128 Ehukai, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740**  
Viewable at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream)

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. October 15, 2025 Minutes
- IV. New Business**
  - a. BAE Action Item #25-07: Approval of Bills for OHA's 2026 Legislative Package
- V. Announcements**
- VI. Adjournment**

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Trustee Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

Date: 10/23/25

**COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT**

**October 15, 2025**

**9 a.m.**

**(Via Interactive Conference Technology and In-person at OHA Maui Ola Boardroom)**

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**MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Kaleihikina Akaka, Vice Chair  
Keli'i Akina  
Luana Alapa  
Kaiali'i Kahele  
Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Keoni Souza  
John Waihe'e, IV

**TRUSTEES EXCUSED**

Dan Ahuna

**BAE STAFF**

Kyla Hee  
Lei-Ann Stender Durant  
Nathan Takeuchi  
Mark Watanabe

**BOT STAFF**

Carina Lee  
Kanani Iaea  
Morgan Kauai Robello  
Pohailani Kealoha  
Remy Keli'ihomalu  
Richelle Kim  
Sommer Soares  
Yvonee Mahelona

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Ku'ikeokalani Kamakea-Ohelo  
Ku'uleianuheha Awo-Chun  
Kyle Saucier  
Leina'ala Ley  
Ryan Lee  
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**BOARD COUNSEL**

Kapono Kiakona

**GENERAL COUNSEL**

Everett Ohta

**I. CALL TO ORDER** (Time Stamp: 2:13)

**Called to Order By:** Trustee Brickwood Galuteria, Chair, at 9:07am

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**Roll Call**

- **Present:**
    - Trustee Brickwood Galuteria – Chair
    - Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
    - Trustee Keli‘i Akina
    - Trustee Luana Alapa
    - Trustee Kaiali‘i Kahele
    - Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
    - Trustee Souza
    - Trustee John D. Waihe‘e, IV
  - **Excused:**
    - Trustee Dan Ahuna
  - **Quorum:** Achieved (8 members present)
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**Opening Remarks by Chair Galuteria** (Time Stamp: 2:23/Time: 9:08:57am)

“Of course, we all know the Committee serves as the voice and bridge between our Native Hawaiian beneficiaries and the OHA policies, programs and resources that affect our daily lives.”

- **Introduction of BAE Committee Staff**
    - Lei-Ann Stender Durant, Trustee Aide and Committee Recording Secretary
    - Kyla Hee, Trustee Secretary and Committee Technology and Information Specialist
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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Time Stamp: 5:13/Time: 9:11:47am)

**Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2025**

- **Correction Noted:** Trustee Hulu Lindsey was mistakenly listed as part of BAE staff (page 2) in the posted minutes; this reference was removed.
- **Public Testimony:**
- No public testimony on this item.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 1, 2025 MINUTES AS AMENDED.**  
(Time Stamp:5:48/Time: 9:12:22am)
  - **Moved by:** Trustee Akina
  - **Vote (Roll Call):**
    - Trustee Akaka – ‘Ae
    - Trustee Akina – ‘Ae
    - Trustee Alapa – Yes
    - Trustee Kahele – ‘Ae
    - Trustee Lindsay – ‘Ae
    - Trustee Souza – ‘Ae
    - Trustee Waihe‘e – Yes
    - Chair Galuteria – ‘Ae
    - Trustee Ahuna – Excused
  - **Outcome: MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 8-0**
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**PUBLIC TESTIMONY** (Time Stamp: 6:33/Time: 9:13:07am)

**Chair Galuteria** invited those who wanted to present **Public Testimony to be acknowledged:**

- Mike Nakachi
  - Makana Paris
  - U’ilani Naipo
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### **Point 1: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Aquarium Trade**

**Mike Nakachi**, Testifier (Time Stamp: 7:00/Time: 9:13:34am)

- The testifier identified himself as a petitioner before the Board of Land Natural Resources (BLNR) to oppose the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) to introduce rules to start up the aquarium trade again.
- BLNR unanimously voted to end the aquarium trade.
- Concerns raised about outdated legislation—specifically HRS §188-31 (1953)—which classifies aquarium fish as “rubbish fish” with no cultural value.
- The Division of Aquatic Resources did not conduct an EIS; instead, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council -JIPAC), a private entity affiliated with the pet trade industry, did an EIS. This entity recently changed its name and is now known as Pet Advisory council (PAC).
- Testimony highlighted ecological degradation and cultural exploitation, particularly referencing the extraction of native marine species.
- Miloli’i, identified as a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA), was cited as an example of long-term exploitation.
- In response to **Trustee Kahele’s** inquiry, **Mike Nakachi** stated that there were not kanaka who would be adversely affected by the aquarium fishing industry halt.

### **Decisions / Motions**

- No formal motions were made by board members during this portion of the presentation.
  - The OHA Board of Trustees, by general consensus gave its support to Mike Nakachi on the need to update outdated laws and support legislative action to protect Native Hawaiian interests and marine resources.
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#### **1. Legislative Proposal Finalization**

- **Testifier:** Mike Nakachi (with assistance from Chief Advocate, Leinā‘ala Ley)
- **Task:** Finalize legislative language and submit it to this committee for board consideration.
- **Deadline:** Before October 24, 2025

#### **2. Champion Identification**

- **Contact:** BAE Committee leadership (with assistance from BAE Committee members and Chief Advocate, Leinā‘ala Ley)
- **Task:** Identify a legislative champion to advocate for the proposal.
- **Deadline:** ASAP

#### **3. Hearing Notification**

- **Contact:** Mike Nakachi or Chief Advocate, Leinā‘ala Ley)
  - **Task:** Notify the BAE committee once the Attorney General clears the language and the official hearing date is announced.
  - **Deadline:** Expected by October 17–18, 2025
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### **Follow-Ups**

- Monitor Attorney General’s review of legislative language.
- Confirm whether the proposal will be heard.
- Prepare for potential hearing on or after October 24, 2025.
- Specific comments included concerns about:
  - The legitimacy and origin of the EIS process.
  - Cultural and ecological impacts of the aquarium trade.
  - Exploitation of native marine resources and CBSFA areas.

### **Final Remarks and Summary of Testimony:**

- Expressed appreciation for the committee’s attention to reef protection and legislative advocacy.
- Emphasized the importance of OHA’s voice in managing nearshore waters, even if not formally recognized as a co-trustee (as with Papahānaumokuākea).
- Highlighted community success in keeping aquarium collectors out of West Hawai‘i waters over the past eight years, attributing it to local values and advocacy—not science.
- Cited the **Public Trust Doctrine** as a legal principle that should guide the Division of

Aquatic Resources (DAR).

- Opposed the export and privatization of reef fish, advocating for local stewardship.
- Noted DLNR’s position that legislative action is required to ban trade, while some legislators defer to DLNR’s authority.
- Called for a dual approach—engaging both DLNR and the legislature.
- Requested OHA representation at upcoming hearings and support for travel costs for 15 community organizations in West Hawai‘i to testify before the board.
- Specifically mentioned Miloli‘i as a key community steward managing local waters.

**Final Ask:**

- Financial and logistical support from OHA to enable community organizations to participate in board hearings.
- BAE Committee Chair Galuteria acknowledged the testimony and thanked Mr. Paris.
- Trustee noted upcoming opportunities for public testimony:
  - **October 29, 2025** – Civic Club Convention, Kia Ho Board Room, 1:00–4:00 pm
  - **November 7, 2025** – Annual Site Visit, Hāli‘ōlelo at Kahakuloa ‘Ōpūnui Kōlani, Hawai‘i Island, 9:00am

**Action (Updated)**

**4. Community Testimony Support**

- **Contact:** BAE Committee Chair, BAE committee members. and Chief Advocate, Leinā‘ala Le
- **Task:** Explore options to support travel and logistics for 15 community organizations from West Hawai‘i to testify before the board.
- **Deadline:** Prior to November 7, 2025 site visit

**5. OHA Representation at Hearings**

- **Contact:** BAE Committee Chair. BAE Committee members, and Chief Advocate, Leinā‘ala Ley)
- **Task:** Assign OHA representative to attend and testify in person at upcoming hearings.
- **Deadline:** October 29, 2025 (Civic Club Convention)

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**Follow-Ups (Updated)**

- Coordinate with community organizations for testimony logistics.
- Confirm OHA representative for October 29 and November 7 events.
- Continue monitoring legislative and DLNR developments related to aquarium trade and reef protections.

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**III. NEW BUSINESS** (Time Stamp: 18:18/ Time: 9:24:52am)

**Presentations by Administration**

**Chair Galuteria** acknowledged that two presentations were scheduled by the Administration.

**A. Presentations by Administration:**

1. Informational update on 2025 Association of Hawaiian Civic Club draft resolutions for introduction at annual convention (October 26-November 2, 2025).

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY** (Time Stamp:18:22/Time: 9:24:52am)

**Makana Paris**, Testifier (Time Stamp: 18:23/Time: 9:24:57am)

**Affiliation:** First Vice President, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Expressed the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AOHCC) appreciates support of OHA
- Founded in 1918 by Prince Kuhio we are the oldest advocacy movement consisting of 60 clubs and over 3,500 members across Hawai‘i and the continental U.S.
- The 2025 agenda includes debates on 93 proposed resolutions covering topics such as military land leases, Hawaiian immersion, education, and food security as well as budget approval and hosting keynote speakers and panels to provide insights into communities and the needs of the Lāhui.
- Draft resolutions are circulated for internal preparation and do not represent the organization’s official positions  
The request was made that OHA refrain from reviewing them during this meeting as these resolutions do not represent the organization’s official positions.  
The BAE was urged to review those resolutions at the AOHCC website that passed in 2024.
- OHA was thanked for their ongoing commitment to uplift the Lāhui in our community-at-large and their postponement on any discussion on the 2025 draft resolutions and to consider the AOHCC’s official positions.
- Perhaps OHA and AOHCC can work together to understand how to better advocate and be better supporters and partners for uplifting the Lāhui.
- Committee Chair Galuteria acknowledged that a letter regarding the same request was received earlier in the day from Dre Kalili, AOHCC President.

**\*Note: After Public Testimony and the letter received on this item, the presentation was deferred.**

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**PUBLIC TESTIMONY** (Time Stamp: 22:44/Time: 9:29:18am)

**Testifier:** U‘ilani Naipo (Time Stamp: 23:03/Time: 9:29:37am)

**Summary of Presentation:**

- In 1953, legislation adopted and allowed the fishing of aquarium fish under the false premise that those fish had no function but to look pretty.
- It was okay for those fish to be extracted from our oceans with no limitations.
- DAR’s interest is commodifying the fish that kanaka recognize as part of

environment.

- There are no limits on any particular aquarium collector to take their portion and only their portion of the 200,000 allowed to be taken; but in reality, there is no limit.
  - JPAC acquired an EIS for West Hawai'i; they control the permitting process.
  - Expressed belief that OHA is the voice that represents their group.
  - OHA is needed to support and help them; they are in great need of OHA's support and assistance.
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### **III. NEW BUSINESS** (continued) (Time Stamp: 29:18/9:35:52am)

#### **2: Implementation Plan Update – Washington D.C. Congressional and Policy Fellowship** (Time Stamp: 29:43/Time: 9:36:17am)

**Presenter: Ku'uleianuheia Awo-Chun.**, Director of Education and Culture-Based Learning (Time Stamp: 30:02/9:36:36am)

#### **Summary of Presentation:**

- Provided an update on the implementation plan for the Washington D.C. Congressional and Policy Fellowship.
- Proposed expanding partnerships to include:
  - **E Ala E Hawaiian Cultural Center (Virginia)** – to assist with on-the-ground administration of the fellowship.
  - **Nakupuna Foundation** – a Native Hawaiian-serving organization with experience in managing fellowships and aligned missions with OHA.
- These partners would complement the previously identified **Hawaiian Native Corporation**, which is already committed to match funding per proviso language.
- Benefits of partnering with E Ala E and Nakupuna:
  - Established systems and personnel in the D.C. area.
  - Ability to conduct monthly check-ins with fellows.
  - Access to local networks for educational and professional development.
  - Immediate support for fellows in case of challenges while in D.C.

#### **Next Steps:**

- Request board approval at the **October 29, 2025** meeting to formally add E Ala E and Nakupuna as fellowship partners.
  - Upon approval:
    - Begin drafting Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) with partner organizations.
    - Launch application and selection process (already prepared).
    - Release press materials (drafted and ready by Communications team).
    - Proceed with program rollout on schedule.
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#### **Committee Response**

- Committee Chair Galuteria thanked Ku'uleianuheia [Awo-Chun] for the update.
- No questions or objections were raised by trustees.
- Presentation concluded with acknowledgment and support.

**Action (Continued)**

**8. Board Approval for Fellowship Partnerships**

- **Owner:** Director Ku‘uleianuheia Awo-Chun
- **Task:** Present formal request to add E Ala E and Nakupuna Foundation as fellowship partners.
- **Deadline:** October 29, 2025 (next board meeting)

**9. MOA Development and Program Launch**

- **Owner:** Director Ku‘uleianuheia [Awo-Chun] and OHA Legal/Operations Team
- **Task:** Draft MOAs, finalize logistics, and launch fellowship program.
- **Deadline:** Immediately following board approval

**Follow-Ups (Continued)**

- Prepare detailed action item for board packet.
  - Confirm readiness of communications materials for public release.
  - Coordinate with partner organizations to ensure seamless onboarding and support for fellows.
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**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Time Stamp: (Time Stamp: 34:15/Time: 9:40:49am)

- Chair clarified that based on testimony received, **no further updates** would be provided on **Item III. A.1.** Papahānaumokuākea Update
  - Requested **unanimous consent** to defer Item III. A.1.
  - **No objections raised;** Item III. A.1. officially deferred with no action taken.(Time Stamp: 34:15/Time: 9:40:49am)
  
  - **Committee Chair Galuteria** announced that there would be **no executive session update** for **Item III. A.2.** Approval of September 17, 2025 minutes
  - Minutes are still under revision
  - Requested **unanimous consent** to defer Executive Session matters.
  - **No objections raised;** Executive Session items deferred.(Time Stamp: 35:02/Time: 9:41:36am)
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**V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS** (Time Stamp:35:16/Time: 9:41:50am)

**Discussion Summary:**

- No formal community concerns were raised by trustees.
- **Committee Chair Galuteria** shared reflections on the recent **Native Hawaiian Convention**, hosted by the **Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement**, held in **Tulalip** on the ancestral lands of the Tulalip Tribes.
- Trustees expressed appreciation for the cultural depth and inter-indigenous solidarity

- experienced at the convention.
- OHA had a strong presence through:
  - Hawaiian Registry Program outreach
  - Presentations and workshops
  - Media coverage in Hawai‘i
- Trustees commended the OHA team for flawless execution and expressed enthusiasm for future participation, noting the convention as a **legacy sponsorship**.

**Registry Program Update:**

- Over **100–160 inquiries** were received during the convention.
- At least **70 Hawaiian Registry cards** were printed.
- Trustees noted this was a successful “dry run” for upcoming Neighbor Island outreach.
- Anecdote shared about **Junior**, lead singer of **Common Kings**, expressing interest in renewing his Hawaiian Registry card and obtaining cards for his children.

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**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Time Stamp: 34:52/Time:9:46:28am)

No additional announcements were made.

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT** (Time Stamp: 40:05/Time: 9:34:39am)

**There being no further business, Committee Chair Galuteria called for a motion to adjourn.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 15, 2025 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT.**

**Moved by Trustee Kahele.**

Roll call vote conducted: (Time Stamp: 40:10/Time: 9:43:44am)

- Trustee Ahuna – Excused
- Trustee Akaka – ‘Ae
- Trustee Akina – ‘Ae
- Trustee Lapa – ‘Ae
- Trustee Kahele – ‘Ae
- Trustee Lindsay – ‘Ae
- Trustee Souza – ‘Ae
- Trustee Waihe‘e – Yes
- Chair Galuteria – ‘Ae

**MOTION PASSED WITH A VOTE OF 8 -0** (Time Stamp: 40:35/Time: 9:47:09)

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:47:15am**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lei-Ann Stender Durant, Trustee Aide  
Committee Recording Secretary

Brickwood Galuteri, Trustee At-Large  
Committee Chair

Date Approved:



**ACTION ITEM**

**Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment  
October 29, 2025**

**BAE #25-07**

**Action Item Issue: Approval of Bills for OHA's 2026 Legislative Package**

**Co-Prepared by:** Leina'ala Ley  
Advocacy Staff & Leina'ala L. Ley  
Ka Pou Kihī Kū (Chief Advocate) Date

**Reviewed by:** [Signature]  
K. Sean Kekina  
Ka Pou Nui (Chief Operating Officer) Date

**Reviewed by:** [Signature]  
Everett Ohta  
Ka Paepae Puka (General Counsel) Date

**Reviewed by:** [Signature]  
Summer Lee Haunani Sylva  
Ka Pouhana Kūikawā (Interim Chief Executive Officer) Date

**Reviewed by:** [Signature]  
Brickwood Galuteria Date  
Luna Ho'omalū o ke Kōmike BAE  
Chair, Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

**I. PROPOSED ACTION: Approval of Bills for OHA’s 2026 Legislative Package:**

**Motion 1: RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS**

Approve as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the proposed measure “Relating to Island Burial Councils” to amend Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 6E to: (1) enable OHA to provide stipends for geographic region members of the Island Burial Councils (IBCs) if it so chooses; (2) reduce quorum requirements for IBCs to meet and do business; and (3) extend the time allotted to nominate members for the IBCs when a vacancy occurs during a council member’s term, as provided in Attachment A.

**Motion 2: RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Approve as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the proposed measure “Relating to Historic Preservation” to amend HRS Chapter 6E to effectuate a partial repeal of Act 293 (2025) which opened up loopholes to the historic review process for private projects within “existing residential property” or in “nominally sensitive areas,” as provided in Attachment B.

**Motion 3: RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION**

Approve as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the proposed measure Relating to the Hawai‘i State Land Use Commission which would amend HRS section 205-1 to: (1) add an additional member to the LUC who has “substantial experience in the area of water resource management”; and (2) designate OHA as the nominating agency for the existing seat held by a member with “substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of cultural land practices,” as provided in Attachment C.

**II. ISSUE**

Whether or not the Board of Trustees should approve the attached proposed bills (i) Relating to Island Burial Councils, (ii) Relating to Historic Preservation, and (iii) Relating to the Land Use Commission, to be included as part of OHA’s 2026 Legislative Package, as drafted in Attachments A through C.

**III. BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION**

This action item presents three proposed bills for inclusion in OHA’s 2026 legislative package. Additional bills may be proposed following the conclusion of the 2025 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention and prior to the opening of the 2026 legislative session. If additional bills are proposed, the Board of Trustees will have the opportunity to revisit OHA’s entire 2026 legislative package at that time. However, action on these stand-alone items is appropriate to enable staff to begin early outreach and coalition building around these bills, particularly those related to protection of iwi kūpuna, which concern issues which have generated significant community attention and concern.

## A. Relating to Island Burial Councils (Attachment A)

The five Island Burial Councils (IBCs) ensure that decisions regarding iwi kūpuna are guided by representatives who understand the culture, history, and burial practices of their moku, thereby preserving Native Hawaiian decisionmaking over the disposition of ancestors.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, IBCs are responsible for approving burial treatment plans to protect iwi and historic sites identified through pre-project surveys, consulting on burial treatment plan for iwi discovered after ground breaking work has started (“inadvertent discoveries”), and approving descendency applications which confers specific rights on individuals to also participate in decision making concerning treatment of iwi.

However, many councils—especially on the smaller islands of Moloka‘i and Kaua‘i—struggle to meet quorum because of absences or vacancies on the councils. As a result, council meetings are often canceled or limited to informational updates because there are not enough members present to make decisions on pending burial treatment plans or descendency applications. These challenges stem partly from the burdens of volunteer service and the fact that many IBC meetings can run nearly an entire day, precluding many individuals from serving due to scheduling conflicts with their day to day jobs. In several cases, qualified candidates have withdrawn their applications upon learning that council service provides no financial compensation.

This proposed IBC bill builds on discussions generated during the 2025 legislative session by OHA’s package bill (SB268/HB409), which would also have reduced quorum requirements by reducing the overall size of the councils (as an incidental effect of removing the large landowner seats). This bill more narrowly focuses on ensuring that IBCs are able to meet and make critical decisions by removing existing structural barriers to meeting as follows:

- 1) Amending the quorum requirement to a “majority of all members *appointed*,” allowing councils—particularly on outer islands—to conduct official business even when not all seats to which the council is entitled are filled;
- 2) Deleting language that disallows stipends or other compensation for volunteer IBC members so that OHA could, if it so chooses in the future, provide IBC members with a stipend so as to reduce barriers to volunteer service;<sup>2</sup> and
- 3) Extending the time allotted OHA to nominate members for the IBCs when a vacancy occurs during a council member’s term from thirty to seventy-five days to allow sufficient time for OHA to conduct recruitment and candidate selection.

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<sup>1</sup> See HRS § 6E-43.5(a), (h).

<sup>2</sup> Members representing geographic regions are almost always Native Hawaiian beneficiaries dedicating their personal time and cultural expertise protect iwi kūpuna.

Together, these amendments will help to ensure effective recruitment, selection, and retention of qualified candidates to serve on these culturally vital volunteer councils. The proposed bill also advances OHA’s BOT Executive Policy 2080 which affirms iwi kūpuna as Native Hawaiians’ “most cherished possession” and makes their proper care, management and protection a matter of “paramount consideration” for the agency.

**Potential fiscal impact: With up to 30 geographic representatives statewide, meeting monthly, a \$200 stipend per meeting could total up to \$72,000 annually.**

## **B. Relating to Historic Preservation (Attachment B)**

For many Native Hawaiians, iwi kūpuna embody the living spirit of our ancestors and their protection is sacred. Recognizing this, the Hawai‘i State Constitution obligates the State—under its public trust duties and Article XII, Section 7—to safeguard iwi kūpuna and uphold traditional and customary practices. However, during the 2025 legislative session, the legislature enacted several measures that significantly weakened the framework for protection of iwi kūpuna in the historic preservation review process established in Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 6E.

Of particular concern, Act 293 (SB15) created exemptions from the historic review process for private projects on (1) “*existing residential properties*,” and (2) in “*nominally sensitive areas*.” Historic review pursuant to HRS section 6E-42 review enables the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to identify and protect iwi before groundbreaking work commences through surveys or monitoring.<sup>3</sup> Skipping this process silences burial councils and descendants,<sup>4</sup> and often results in iwi kūpuna being disturbed during construction, when it is often too late to protect them because engineering and architectural alternatives that could have been adopted prior to construction have been foreclosed.

As written, the Act 293 exemptions could be interpreted to cover large-scale developments, including apartments, condominiums, or even hotels, in high-risk areas, such as jaucas sands, which are known to contain a high concentration of iwi. This is because “*nominally sensitive areas*” are defined broadly to include previously disturbed areas where no significant historic properties or iwi were identified. *See* HRS § 6E-42.2(d). However, because many structures were built prior to adoption of HRS Chapter 6E in 1989, the fact that iwi weren’t formally identified or reported does not indicate the area is unlikely to contain iwi. In places like Kailua and North Shore Kaua‘i, the opposite is known to be true, as residential development occurred on sand dunes known to contain burials.

The proposed bill would restore iwi kūpuna safeguards by:

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<sup>3</sup> HRS § 6E-42(a) requires projects involving state or county permits or approvals, that may affect historic property or burial sites, to be reviewed by SHPD prior to any approval.

<sup>4</sup> This is because for iwi discovered prior to construction IBCs have 45 days to make determinations and consult with descendants concerning protective measures. *See* HRS § 6E-43. In contrast, when iwi are discovered during construction, consultation with the IBCs is expedited to 2-3 day, and descendants have limited input. *See id.* § 6E-43.6.

- 1) Repealing Act 293’s “nominally sensitive area” exemption; and
- 2) Requiring HRS § 6E-42 review for projects on “existing residential property” if they involve ground disturbing activities or alteration of tax map key boundaries.<sup>5</sup>

The proposed amendments would prevent irreversible harm to iwi, ensure kanaka māoli descendant voices remain central, and restore beneficiary and public trust in the State’s historic preservation program. Additionally, the proposed bill reaffirms the State’s duty to protect iwi kūpuna and aligns with OHA’s BOT Executive Policy 2080 which affirms iwi kūpuna as “the most cherished possession” and the their proper care, management and protection a matter of “paramount consideration.”

### **C. Relating to the Land Use Commission (Attachment C)**

#### **1. Water Expert Seat**

The Hawai’i Land Use Commission (Commission) is responsible for classifying land into four main categories that set the limits of allowable development on all property, public and private, and for entertaining petitions to amend a land classification, usually to upgrade to a higher-use category. *See* HRS §§ 205-2; 205-3.1; *but see id.* §205-3.1 (petitions for properties less than 15 acres and not touching important agricultural or conservation lands can be decided by the respective county planning departments). The four land use districts are urban, rural, agricultural, and conservation. *See id.* § 205-2. The Commission can condition reclassification on the petitioning applicant demonstrating compliance with existing including environmental protection and affordable housing mandates, giving its reclassification decisions enforcement “teeth.”

Informed land use decisions cannot be made without considering the availability of water to satisfy community needs and legal entitlements that flow from reclassification (such as the right to build denser housing or commercial developments on urban vs. rural lands). However, existing law does not require the Commission to have a member with water expertise. *See* HRS § 205-1. The proposed bill seeks to ensure this vital expertise is part of the composition of the Commission by amending HRS section 205-1 to require that “at least one member have substantial experience in the area of water resource management.”

Advocating for responsible stewardship of our limited wai resources is consistent with the Board of Trustee’s Existing Policy Manual (2070, Wai), which states as an overarching principle:

OHA will advocate for, promote, and demonstrate appropriate, responsible, and just wai stewardship practices and values throughout Ka Pae Āina o Hawai’i,

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<sup>5</sup> The list of qualifying residential developments as outlined in the proposed bill were developed in collaboration with SHPD.

allowing the ‘āina and wai and the interdependent Native Hawaiian culture and people to thrive, and mutually empowering OHA and communities to ‘auamo (carry) the shared responsibility of protecting and ensuring the proper management of our water resources.

Ensuring a water expert is seated on the Commission will help advance responsible stewardship of wai resources as a first step towards increasing transparency and public accountability around land use entitlements that affect long-term water availability.

## 2. Nomination of Hawaiian Land Usage Expert

This bill also seeks to have OHA provide the governor with a list of names from which to select Commission members with “substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of cultural land practices.” HRS § 205-1. The designated “Hawaiian land usage” seat has existed since 2006 and the nomination process under HRS section 26-34 has produced excellent members, including OHA staff member “Kū‘ike” Kamakea-‘Ōhelo, who currently fills the seat.

Nonetheless, OHA’s institutional mission, staffing, and expertise makes the agency uniquely suited to recruit and select candidates who possess the requisite Hawaiian land management expertise. First, OHA has the institutional reach through its communications ecosystem including *Ka Wai Ola* and social media accounts to advertise widely among beneficiaries to recruit qualified Commission candidates. Second, OHA has existing institutional processes established through the IBC recruitment process to vet and select candidates, with the additional advantage that proposed candidates must be approved by the BOT before names are forwarded to the Governor. This public process provides OHA’s beneficiaries with the opportunity to testify and present mana‘o early on in the selection process. Finally, through the vetting and approval process, OHA staff and Trustees can bring to bear their unique knowledge to evaluate the best candidates to fill this seat.

## IV. TIMEFRAME

Immediate action is ideal but not necessary given that the legislative session does not start for approximately 2 ½ months.

## V. RECOMMENDATION

### **Motion 1: Relating to Island Burial Councils (Attachment A)**

Approve the proposed measure “Relating to Island Burial Councils” to amend HRS Chapter 6E to: (1) reduce quorum requirements to ensure that IBCs are able to recruit and retain qualified candidates and meet regularly as necessary to perform their important statutory function; (2) enable OHA to provide stipends for volunteer members of IBCs if it so chooses in the future; and (3) extend the time allotted to OHA to nominate members for the IBCs when a vacancy occurs during a council member’s term, to be included in the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, as provided in Attachment A.

**Motion 2: Relating to Historic Preservation (Attachment B)**

Approve the proposed measure “Relating to Historic Preservation” to amend HRS Chapter 6E to effectuate a partial repeal of Act 293 (2025) which opened up loopholes to the historic review process for “existing residential property” and in “nominally sensitive areas,” as drafted in Attachment B.

**Motion 3: Relating to the Land Use Commission (Attachment C)**

Approve the bill “Relating to the Land Use Commission” to amend HRS section 205-1 to: (1) add an additional member to the LUC who has “substantial experience in the area of water resource management”; and (2) designate OHA as the nominating agency for the existing seat held by a member with “substantial experience or expertise in traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of cultural land practices,” as provided in Attachment C.

**VI. ALTERNATIVES**

- A. Amend the proposed bills.
- B. Take no action.
- C. Defer decisionmaking until a later date.

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Relating to the Island Burial Councils
- B. Relating to Historic Preservation
- C. Relating to the Land Use Commission

\_\_\_B. NO. \_\_\_

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS. 18088706135

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the protection of iwi  
2     kūpuna is a matter of utmost cultural and historical importance.  
3     Island burial councils play a critical role in safeguarding  
4     burial sites and advising the department of land and natural  
5     resources in decisions affecting Native Hawaiian ancestral  
6     remains. However, the effectiveness of the councils has been  
7     limited by persistent vacancies, uncompensated service, and  
8     insufficient staff support. These challenges are particularly  
9     severe on less populated islands, where councils often fail to  
10    meet quorum, preventing lineal and cultural descendants from  
11    having a meaningful voice in decisions about the treatment of  
12    iwi kūpuna and exercising their right to self-determination.  
13    Council members are further required to attend lengthy meetings  
14    and engage in consultations for inadvertent discoveries within  
15    their moku, adding to these constraints.

16           The legislature further finds that these constraints  
17    undermine the councils' capacity to fulfill their statutory  
18    responsibilities, delay decision-making, and frustrate Native

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1 Hawaiian families and communities who seek respectful treatment  
2 of iwi kūpuna.

3         Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to strengthen the  
4 island burial councils by:

5           (1) Extending the time to fill vacancies that occur during  
6                 a council member's term;

7           (2) Providing per diem compensation in the form of a  
8                 stipend for council members representing a geographic  
9                 region to improve recruitment and retention; and

10          (3) Revising the councils' quorum for business to be a  
11                 majority of appointed council members.

12         SECTION 2. Section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14         "~~§6E-43.5~~ **Island burial councils; creation; appointment;**  
15 **composition; duties.** (a) There shall be established within the  
16 department five island burial councils, one each for Hawai'i,  
17 Maui/Lāna'i, Moloka'i, O'ahu, and Kaua'i/Ni'ihau, to implement  
18 section 6E-43. Each council shall consist of nine members,  
19 except the Moloka'i council, which shall consist of five  
20 members. Each council shall consist of no more than three  
21 representatives of development and large landowner interests;  
22 provided that the Moloka'i council shall consist of no more than

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1 one representative of development and large landowner interests.  
2 The remaining council members shall represent the geographic  
3 regions identified in paragraphs (1) through (5). At all times,  
4 at least two of the regional representatives of each council  
5 shall have been appointed from a list of nominees submitted to  
6 the governor by the office of Hawaiian affairs, as provided  
7 under subsection (b). Each council shall include at least one  
8 representative for each geographic region identified as follows:

- 9       (1) The Hawai'i council shall include the following  
10           geographic regions: Kohala, Kona, Ka'ū, Puna, Hilo,  
11           and Hāmākua;
- 12       (2) The Maui/Lāna'i council shall include the following  
13           geographic regions: Honua'ula, Lahaina, Wailuku,  
14           Makawao, Hāna, and Lāna'i;
- 15       (3) The Moloka'i council shall include the following  
16           geographic regions: West Moloka'i, Central Moloka'i,  
17           East Moloka'i, and Kalawao;
- 18       (4) The O'ahu council shall include the following  
19           geographic regions: Wai'ānae, 'Ewa, Kona, Ko'olaupoko,  
20           Ko'olauloa, and Waialua; and

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1           (5) The Kaua'i/Ni'ihau council shall include the following  
2                   geographic regions: Waimea/Na Pali, Kōloa, Līhu'e,  
3                   Kawaihau, Hanalei, and Ni'ihau.

4           Regional representatives shall be selected from the  
5 Hawaiian community on the basis of the representatives'  
6 understanding of the culture, history, burial beliefs, customs,  
7 and practices of native Hawaiians in the region they each  
8 represent.

9           (b) Appointment of members to the councils shall be made by  
10 the governor, in accordance with section 26-34 and subsection  
11 (a), from lists for each council submitted by the department and  
12 the office of Hawaiian affairs. Lists to fill vacancies on the  
13 councils shall be submitted as follows:

14           (1) For vacancies attributable to the expiration of terms,  
15                   the list shall be submitted on the first business day  
16                   of December before the expiration of the terms, except  
17                   as provided in subsection (c); and

18           (2) For a vacancy that occurs during a council  
19                   representative's term, the list shall be submitted  
20                   within [~~thirty business~~] seventy-five calendar days  
21                   after the vacancy occurs, except as provided in  
22                   subsection (c).

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1           (c) The department may submit any list to fill a vacancy up  
2 to fifteen days after the office of Hawaiian affairs submits its  
3 list for the same vacancy; provided that the failure of the  
4 department to submit any list by any relevant deadline or  
5 fifteen days after the office of Hawaiian affairs submits its  
6 list, whichever occurs later, shall be construed as a waiver of  
7 the department's right to submit a list.

8           (d) Notwithstanding section 26-34(b) or any other law to  
9 the contrary, any council member whose term has expired may  
10 continue in office as a holdover member until the member's  
11 reappointment to a second term is confirmed or a successor is  
12 nominated and appointed; provided that a holdover member shall  
13 not hold office beyond the end of the fourth regular session of  
14 the legislature following the expiration of the member's term of  
15 office.

16           (e) The department, in consultation with the councils,  
17 office of Hawaiian affairs, representatives of development and  
18 large landowner interests, and appropriate Hawaiian  
19 organizations, such as Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei,  
20 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to carry out  
21 the purposes of this section. The council members shall serve  
22 without [~~compensation~~] salary, but shall be reimbursed for

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1 necessary expenses incurred during the performance of their  
2 duties. Council members appointed to represent geographic  
3 regions may receive a stipend for attendance at a duly noticed  
4 council meeting through process of application to the office of  
5 Hawaiian affairs. The stipend amount shall be determined and  
6 disbursed by the office of Hawaiian affairs. The councils shall  
7 be a part of the department for administrative purposes.

8 (f) The councils shall hold meetings and acquire  
9 information as they deem necessary and shall communicate their  
10 findings and recommendations to the department. Notwithstanding  
11 section 92-3, whenever the location and description of burial  
12 sites are under consideration, the councils may hold closed  
13 meetings. A majority of all members appointed to [~~which~~] each  
14 council [~~is entitled~~] shall constitute a quorum to do  
15 business[~~-~~], provided that no fewer than three members shall  
16 constitute a quorum to do business. Concurrence of a majority of  
17 the members present at a meeting shall be necessary to make any  
18 action of a council valid.

19 (g) Department records relating to the location and  
20 description of historic sites, including burial sites, if deemed  
21 sensitive by a council or the Hawai'i historic places review  
22 board, shall be confidential.



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**Report Title:**

Historic Preservation; Island Burial Councils

**Description:** Amends section 6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to quorum and compensation for members of the Island Burial Councils and extends the time period for the office of Hawaiians affairs to recruit and identify qualified candidates when a vacancy arises before the end of a member's term.

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the protection of  
2 iwi kūpuna (ancestral remains), cultural, and historic resources  
3 is a matter of utmost importance, and the Hawai'i Constitution  
4 requires the State to safeguard iwi kūpuna as part of its public  
5 trust obligations and to protect the exercise of Native Hawaiian  
6 traditional and customary practices. These constitutional  
7 obligations have long been implemented under the Hawaii Revised  
8 Statutes chapter 6E review process to ensure that potential  
9 impacts are carefully identified and assessed, and that lineal  
10 and cultural descendants, through the island burial councils,  
11 are given meaningful opportunities to guide treatment of iwi  
12 kūpuna.

13           The legislature further finds that recent statutory changes  
14 introduced new exemptions to the historic preservation review  
15 process that significantly weaken its protective framework.  
16 Allowing certain types of projects to avoid review, even when  
17 involving ground disturbance or substantial alterations,  
18 significantly heightens the risk of inadvertent discovery,

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1 disturbance, and destruction of iwi kūpuna. Similarly, the  
2 arbitrary and statutory creation of land sensitivity categories,  
3 without prior proper surveys, has the effect of excluding large  
4 areas from review that may be likely to contain iwi kūpuna or  
5 other cultural and historic sites. Designation of land  
6 sensitivity areas should only be implemented by historic  
7 preservation professionals.

8         The legislature further finds that increases to inadvertent  
9 discoveries will result in diminishing the decision-making role  
10 of the island burial councils, and thereby curtail the voices of  
11 descendants in matters directly affecting their kūpuna. This  
12 skirting of consultation and oversight undermines constitutional  
13 protections for Native Hawaiian traditional and customary  
14 practices and the public trust in preserving Hawai'i's cultural  
15 resources.

16         Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to reaffirm the  
17 State's commitment to safeguard iwi kūpuna and other cultural  
18 and historic resources and restore the integrity of the State's  
19 historic preservation program by:

- 20           (1) Clarifying that a residential project involving ground  
21                 disturbance, expansion, or alteration remains subject  
22                 to review; and

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1           (2) Removing the historic review exemption for lands  
2                   presumed nominally sensitive.

3           SECTION 2. Section 6E-42.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5           "~~§6E-42.2 Excluded activities for existing privately-owned~~  
6 ~~[single-family detached dwelling units and townhouses,~~  
7 ~~residential projects and nominally sensitive areas]~~ residential  
8 properties. (a) An application for a proposed project on an  
9 existing privately-owned ~~[single-family detached dwelling unit~~  
10 ~~or townhouse]~~ residential property shall be subject to the  
11 requirements of section 6E-42 only if~~[the single-family~~  
12 ~~detached dwelling unit or townhouse is over fifty years old and~~  
13 ~~is]~~:

14           (1) The residential property is:

15           ~~[(1)]~~ (A) Listed on the Hawaii or national register of  
16                   historic places, or both;

17           ~~[(2)]~~ (B) Nominated for inclusion on the Hawaii or national  
18                   register of historic places, or both; ~~[or]~~

19           ~~[(3)]~~ (C) Located in a historic district~~[-]~~; or

20           (2) A proposed project on the residential property:

21           (A) Includes any ground-disturbance;

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1            (B) Extends beyond the footprint of the existing  
2                    structures;

3            (C) Changes the square footage or acreage of the  
4                    residential property; or

5            (D) Changes the property boundary or tax map key of  
6                    the residential property.

7            ~~[(b) An application for a proposed project on an existing~~  
8            ~~residential property shall be subject to the requirements of~~  
9            ~~section 6E-42 only if the existing residential property is over~~  
10           ~~fifty years old and is registered on the Hawaii register of~~  
11           ~~historic places.~~

12           ~~(c) An application for a proposed project in a nominally~~  
13           ~~sensitive area shall not be subject to the requirements of~~  
14           ~~section 6E-42.~~

15           ~~(d)]~~ (b) For the purposes of this section:

16            "Dwelling unit" means a building or portion thereof designed  
17            or used exclusively for residential occupancy and having all  
18            necessary facilities for permanent residency such as living,  
19            sleeping, cooking, eating, and sanitation.

20            "Existing privately-owned residential property" means a  
21            property that has previously been zoned residential and  
22            maintains a previously constructed single-family residential

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1 detached dwelling unit(s), townhome(s), accessory dwelling  
2 unit(s), multi-family residential dwelling unit(s);  
3 condominium(s); or, apartment(s).

4 ~~["Nominally sensitive area" means a project area that is~~  
5 ~~known to include a low density of historic, cultural, or~~  
6 ~~archaeological resources, or where the project area has been~~  
7 ~~substantially disturbed by previous excavation or other ground-~~  
8 ~~disturbing work and no significant historic properties have been~~  
9 ~~previously identified.~~

10 ~~"Single-family detached dwelling unit" means an individual,~~  
11 ~~freestanding, unattached dwelling unit, typically built on a lot~~  
12 ~~larger than the structure itself, resulting in an area~~  
13 ~~surrounding the dwelling.~~

14 ~~"Townhouse" has the same meaning as in section 502C-1.]"~~

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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21 INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

22 BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Historic Preservation; Exclusions

**Description:**

Amends 6E-42.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes to clarify exclusion of proposed privately-owned residential properties excluded from the State's Historic Preservation Program review, under certain circumstances, and remove the nominally sensitive area exclusion.

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 205-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "§205-1 Establishment of the commission. (a) There shall  
4 be a state land use commission, hereinafter called the  
5 commission. The commission shall consist of nine members who  
6 shall hold no other public office and shall be appointed in the  
7 manner and serve for the term set forth in section 26-34. One  
8 member shall be appointed from each of the counties and the  
9 remainder shall be appointed at large; provided that at least  
10 one member shall have substantial experience or expertise in  
11 traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of cultural land  
12 practices and at least one member shall have substantial  
13 experience in the area of water resource management. The  
14 commission shall elect its chairperson from one of its members.  
15 The members shall receive no compensation for their services on  
16 the commission, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses  
17 incurred in the performance of their duties. Six affirmative  
18 votes shall be necessary for any boundary amendment.

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1        (b) Appointment of members with substantial experience or  
2 expertise in traditional Hawaiian land usage and knowledge of  
3 cultural land practices shall be made from a list of nominees  
4 submitted by the office of Hawaiian affairs as follows:

5        (1) For vacancies attributable to the expiration of terms,  
6        the list shall be submitted on the first business day  
7        of December before the expiration of the terms; and

8        (2) For a vacancy that occurs during a council  
9        representative's term, the list shall be submitted  
10       within ninety calendar days after the vacancy occurs.

11       ~~[(b)]~~(c) The commission shall be a part of the office of  
12 planning and sustainable development for administrative  
13 purposes.

14       ~~[(e)]~~(d) The commission may engage employees necessary to  
15 perform its duties, including administrative personnel and an  
16 executive officer. The executive officer shall be appointed by  
17 the commission and the executive officer's position shall be  
18 exempt from civil service. Departments of the state government  
19 shall make available to the commission such data, facilities,  
20 and personnel as are necessary for it to perform its duties.  
21 The commission may receive and utilize gifts and any funds from  
22 the federal or other governmental agencies. It shall adopt



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**Report Title:**

LUC; Boards and Commissions

**Description:**

To amend the composition of the LUC to ensure one member has substantial experience and expertise in water resource management, and to require the office of Hawaiian affairs to provide names to the governor for appointment of members with traditional Hawaiian land usage expertise.

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