
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend the law
2 relating to the candidate advisory council for the board of
3 regents of the University of Hawaii in conformity with the
4 amendment to article X, section 6 of the Hawaii Constitution,
5 ratified by the voters on November 7, 2006. Specifically, this
6 Act:

- 7 (1) Requires at least 12 members of the board of regents
8 to reside in the geographic areas that they represent;
- 9 (2) Requires the governor to notify the candidate advisory
10 council of vacancies on the board of regents in a
11 timely manner;
- 12 (3) Requires the candidate advisory council to submit to
13 the governor names of candidates for a seat on the
14 board of regents within 60 days following a vacancy;
- 15 (4) Clarifies the requirement for the candidate advisory
16 council's submission of names of board of regents
17 candidates to the governor; and



1 (5) Makes confidential all information required by the
2 candidate advisory council regarding board of regents
3 candidates.

4 SECTION 2. Section 26-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

6 "(a) The University of Hawaii shall be headed by an
7 executive board to be known as the board of regents.

8 The board shall consist of fifteen members. At least one
9 member shall be a University of Hawaii student at the time of
10 the initial appointment. This member may be reappointed for one
11 additional term even though the member may no longer be a
12 student at the time of reappointment. The governor shall reduce
13 the terms of those initially appointed to each seat on the board
14 of regents to provide, as far as practicable, for the expiration
15 of three terms each year; provided that the term of the student
16 member shall not be reduced.

17 At least twelve members, except for the student member,
18 shall represent and reside in the specified geographic areas as
19 follows:

- 20 (1) Two members from the county of Hawaii;
- 21 (2) Two members from the county of Maui;
- 22 (3) One member from the county of Kauai; and



1 (4) Seven members from the city and county of Honolulu.

2 The board shall have the power, in accordance with the
3 Hawaii Constitution [~~of the State~~] and with law, to formulate
4 policy and to exercise control over the university through its
5 executive officer, the president of the university. The board
6 shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the internal organization
7 and management of the university."

8 SECTION 3. Section 304A-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"§304A-104 Regents; appointment; tenure; qualifications;**
11 **meetings.** (a) The affairs of the university shall be under the
12 general management and control of the board of regents
13 consisting of fifteen members who shall be appointed and may be
14 removed by the governor. Except as otherwise provided by law,
15 state officers shall be eligible for appointment and membership.
16 The term of each member shall be five years, except as provided
17 for the initial appointment in section 26-11; provided that the
18 term of the student member shall be two years. Every member may
19 serve beyond the expiration date of the member's term of
20 appointment until the member's successor has been appointed by
21 the governor and confirmed by the senate in accordance with
22 article X, section 6 of the [~~state constitution.~~] Hawaii



1 Constitution. Members shall serve no more than two consecutive
2 five-year terms; provided that the members who are initially
3 appointed to terms of two years or less pursuant to section
4 26-11(a) may be reappointed to two ensuing five-year terms. If
5 a member is to be appointed to a second term of five years, the
6 senate shall consider the question of whether to reconfirm the
7 member at least one hundred twenty days prior to the conclusion
8 of a member's first five-year term; provided that if the senate
9 is not in session within one hundred twenty days prior to the
10 conclusion of the member's first five-year term, the member
11 shall continue to serve until the senate convenes for the next
12 regular session or the next special session for which the senate
13 is authorized to consider the question of reconfirmation.

14 (b) At its first meeting after June 30, the board of
15 regents shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson, who
16 shall serve until adjournment of its first meeting after June 30
17 of the next year or thereafter until their successors are
18 appointed. The board shall appoint a secretary, who shall not
19 be a member of the board. The president of the university shall
20 act as executive officer of the board. From May 1, 2007 and
21 until such time that the board of regents has at least fourteen
22 members, seven members of the board of regents shall constitute



1 a quorum to conduct business, and the concurrence of at least
2 seven members of the board of regents shall be necessary to make
3 any action of the board of regents valid; provided that upon
4 filling at least fourteen of the fifteen board of regents seats
5 required under subsection (a), a majority of the board of
6 regents shall constitute a quorum to conduct business, and the
7 concurrence of a majority of all the members to which the board
8 of regents is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of
9 the board of regents valid. The board shall meet at least ten
10 times annually and, from time to time, may meet in each of the
11 counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.

12 (c) The governor shall notify the regents candidate
13 advisory council in writing within ten days of receiving
14 notification that a member of the board of regents is resigning,
15 has died, or is being removed by the governor.

16 [~~e~~] (d) The members of the board of regents shall serve
17 without pay but shall be entitled to their travel expenses
18 within the [~~State~~] state when attending meetings of the board or
19 when actually engaged in business relating to the work of the
20 board."

21 SECTION 4. Section 304A-104.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 amended to read as follows:



1 "~~[+]§304A-104.5[+]—Candidate]~~ Regents candidate advisory
2 council for the board of regents of the University of Hawaii.

3 (a) There is established the regents candidate advisory council
4 for the board of regents of the University of Hawaii to present
5 to the governor pools of qualified candidates from which the
6 members of the board of regents shall be nominated and, by and
7 with the consent of the senate, appointed by the governor. The
8 regents candidate advisory council shall establish the criteria
9 for qualifying, screening, and presenting to the governor
10 candidates for membership on the board of regents. The regents
11 candidate advisory council shall be attached to the University
12 of Hawaii for administrative purposes.

13 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), within sixty
14 days of convening its first meeting, the regents candidate
15 advisory council shall present no fewer than two and no more
16 than four qualified candidates to the governor for each vacant
17 seat on the board of regents that has arisen due to resignation,
18 death, or removal by the governor; provided that for all
19 subsequent presentations to the governor, the regents candidate
20 advisory council shall present no fewer than two and no more
21 than four candidates for each seat on the board of regents to
22 the governor within:



1 (1) [~~Thirty~~] Sixty days of a vacancy that arises by
2 resignation, death, or removal by the governor; or

3 (2) One hundred twenty days prior to the expiration of a
4 term.

5 The regents candidate advisory council shall be deemed to have
6 fulfilled its obligation under this section upon presentation of
7 the names of the minimum number of candidates required to be
8 presented for each seat or seats on the board of regents.

9 (c) When there are multiple seats vacant within the same
10 county or within the at-large membership, the regents candidate
11 advisory council shall present candidates for seats on the board
12 of regents to the governor as follows:

13 (1) For two seats from the same county or two at-large
14 seats, no fewer than four and no more than six
15 candidates;

16 (2) For three seats from the same county, no fewer than
17 five and no more than eight candidates; and

18 (3) For more than three seats, the regents candidate
19 advisory council shall determine appropriate minimum
20 numbers of candidates, which shall provide for at
21 least three candidates for the final seat, and maximum
22 numbers of candidates.



1 (d) In making its presentations, the regents candidate
2 advisory council shall:

3 (1) Develop a statement that includes the selection
4 criteria to be applied and a description of the
5 responsibilities and duties of a member of the board
6 of regents and distribute this statement to potential
7 candidates;

8 (2) Screen and qualify candidates for each position on the
9 board of regents based on their background,
10 experience, and potential for discharging the
11 responsibilities of a member of the board of regents;

12 (3) Publicly advertise pending vacancies and actively
13 solicit and accept applications from potential
14 candidates;

15 (4) Develop and implement a fair, independent, and
16 nonpartisan procedure for selecting candidates to
17 serve on the board of regents; and

18 (5) Require each candidate to disclose any existing or
19 anticipated contracts with the University of Hawaii or
20 any existing or anticipated financial transactions
21 with the University of Hawaii.



1 Upon submission of the names of candidates to the governor,
2 [~~presentations of~~] the regents candidate advisory council shall
3 [~~be made~~] make available the names of candidates to the public
4 [~~by~~] through the University of Hawaii.

5 (e) For each board seat to be filled, the governor shall
6 select one nominee from among the candidates submitted by the
7 regents candidate advisory [~~council's presentations.~~] council.

8 (f) The regents candidate advisory council shall consist
9 of seven members to be appointed without regard to section 26-34
10 as follows:

11 (1) One member shall be appointed by the president of the
12 senate;

13 (2) One member shall be appointed by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives;

15 (3) One member shall be appointed by the governor;

16 (4) One member shall be appointed by one of the co-chairs
17 of the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs of
18 the University of Hawaii;

19 (5) One member shall be appointed by the chairperson of
20 the Executive Council of the University of Hawaii
21 Student Caucus;



1 (6) One member shall be appointed by the chairperson of
2 the Association of Emeritus Regents; and

3 (7) One member shall be appointed by the president of the
4 University of Hawaii Alumni Association;

5 provided that members appointed under paragraphs (4) to (7)
6 shall be selected from the general public and may include
7 members of the constituencies represented; provided further that
8 each appointee satisfies the requirements for appointment
9 provided in this subsection, except that individuals who are or
10 have served as members of the executive councils or boards for
11 the organizations under paragraphs (4) [~~and~~] or (5) within the
12 last five years immediately preceding the establishment or a
13 vacancy on the regents candidate advisory council for which the
14 persons may be qualified to fill shall not be eligible to serve
15 as members of the regents candidate advisory council.

16 The regents candidate advisory council shall be selected in
17 a wholly nonpartisan manner. If any member has not been
18 appointed within one hundred eighty days of [~~the~~] May 1, 2007,
19 the sitting members on the regents candidate advisory council
20 shall make an interim appointment to fill the vacant seat. The
21 interim appointee shall satisfy the requirements for appointment
22 provided in this subsection and shall serve until the time when



1 the appropriate appointing authority makes an appointment for
2 the vacant seat as provided in this subsection. Appointees to
3 the regents candidate advisory council shall have a general
4 understanding of the purposes of higher education, the mission
5 of the University of Hawaii system, and the responsibilities of
6 the board of regents. Appointees shall be individuals who are
7 widely viewed as having placed the broad public interest ahead
8 of special interests, having achieved a high level of prominence
9 in their respective professions, and being respected members of
10 the community.

11 (g) Members of the regents candidate advisory council
12 shall serve four-year terms; provided that the three members
13 initially appointed by the governor, the president of the
14 senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall
15 serve for terms of two years; provided further that terms for
16 appointments of the initial members of the regents candidate
17 advisory council shall be deemed to begin on July 1, 2007,
18 regardless of the actual date of appointment.

19 (h) If a vacancy occurs, a successor shall be appointed in
20 the same manner and subject to the same qualifications as the
21 person's predecessor. The person appointed to fill a vacancy



1 shall serve for the remainder of the term of the person's
2 predecessor.

3 (i) The regents candidate advisory council shall operate
4 in a wholly nonpartisan manner. No individual, while a member
5 of the regents candidate advisory council, shall run for or hold
6 any elected office under the United States or the State or any
7 of its political subdivisions.

8 (j) The regents candidate advisory council shall convene
9 its first meeting on or after thirty-one days from May 1, 2007;
10 provided that, if thirty days after May 1, 2007, all the members
11 to which the regents candidate advisory council is entitled have
12 not yet been appointed, the regents candidate advisory council
13 shall convene its first meeting upon the appointment of a
14 majority of its members. The members of the regents candidate
15 advisory council shall choose a chairperson from among
16 themselves. A majority of all the members to which the regents
17 candidate advisory council is entitled shall constitute a quorum
18 to conduct business. The concurrence of a majority of all the
19 members to which the regents candidate advisory council is
20 entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the regents
21 candidate advisory council valid. The regents candidate
22 advisory council shall meet annually and at other times as



1 necessary. The regents candidate advisory council shall be
2 exempt from part I of chapter 92.

3 (k) Members of the regents candidate advisory council
4 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
5 expenses, including travel, board, and lodging expenses,
6 necessary for the performance of their duties.

7 (1) Notwithstanding chapter 92F or any other law to the
8 contrary, all information required by the regents candidate
9 advisory council shall be confidential, including without
10 limitation, all council information obtained, reviewed, or
11 considered before and after council decisionmaking.
12 Confidential regents candidate advisory council information
13 shall include documents, data, or other information that are not
14 of public record, including without limitation, personal
15 financial information; the names of applicants; applications and
16 the personal, financial, and other information contained therein
17 submitted by the applicants to the regents candidate advisory
18 council; interviews; schedules; reports; studies; background
19 checks; credit reports; surveys and reports prepared for or on
20 the regents candidate advisory council's behalf; the results of
21 any evaluations or assessments conducted by the regents
22 candidate advisory council; the substance and details of any



1 discussions with regents candidate advisory council members; and
2 the substance and details of discussions and deliberations of
3 the regents candidate advisory council and any of its committees
4 during meetings."

5 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

UH; Board of Regents; Regents Candidate Advisory Council

Description:

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