A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

SECTION 1. Section 341-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[§341-5.5] Environmental advisory council; established[-]; quorum; number of votes necessary to validate acts. (a) There is created an environmental advisory council not to exceed fifteen members. Members of the environmental advisory council shall be appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34. The environmental advisory council shall be established within the office of planning and sustainable development for administrative purposes. The term of each member shall be four years. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of any unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The environmental advisory council chairperson shall be elected by the council from among the appointed members of the council.

(b) A majority of all of the members currently appointed to the environmental advisory council shall constitute a quorum
to do business, and the concurrence of a majority of all of the
members currently appointed to the environmental advisory
council shall be necessary to make any action of the council
valid.

[+b+] (c) Members shall be appointed to ensure a broad and
balanced representation of educational, business, and
environmentally pertinent disciplines and professions, such as
the natural and social sciences, the humanities, architecture,
engineering, environmental consulting, public health, and
planning; educational and research institutions with
environmental competence; agriculture, real estate, visitor
industry, construction, and media; and voluntary community and
environmental groups. The members of the environmental advisory
council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed
for actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses,
incurred in the discharge of their duties."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.
Report Title:
Environmental Advisory Council; Quorum; Voting

Description:
Defines what constitutes a quorum for the environmental advisory council. Specifies the number of votes required to make any action of the council valid. (SD1)

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