

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Engineering Division

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Delegation of Authority to Certify the Election of Soil and Water Conservation
District Directors to the Chief Engineer of the Engineering Division**

Under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 180, the governance of each Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is placed in the hands of five directors, two of whom are appointed by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) at the recommendation of the District and three of whom are elected by the land occupiers of the District. Where directors are elected, the Board certifies the election.

The various SWCDs conduct elections of directors at their regularly scheduled meetings. The SWCDs then submit the documentation to support the election to the Engineering Division to obtain Board certification of the election.

HRS §180-2, General powers and duties of department (Board) allows the delegation to any member, agent, or employee, powers and duties as it (Board) may deem proper.

The Division requests that the Board delegate the authority to certify the election of SWCD directors to the Chief Engineer of the Engineering Division. By delegating this authority, the Board will: (1) expedite the authorization of SWCD directors to be able to participate in district decision making; (2) relieve the Board of a large quantity of routine paperwork; (3) reduce the amount of paperwork within the Department and Division.


RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board delegate the authority to certify the election of Soil and Water Conservation District directors to the Chief Engineer of the Engineering Division.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chief Engineer

Approved for submittal:


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Board of Land and Natural Resources

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