

## **AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO HB 2024 – RELATING TO MAUNA KEA**

- Establishes the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority as the principal authority for the management of state-managed lands above the 9,200 feet elevation line on Mauna Kea, in conjunction with the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources.
- The Authority will replace the role of the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents and the University of Hawai‘i President, while also placing the Authority within the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo for administrative purposes.
- Requires the Authority to manage land uses; human activities, uses and overall operations.
- Authorizes the Authority to develop a framework to allow astronomy development on Mauna Kea.
- Authorizes the establishments of advisory groups.
- Mandates the decommissioning of two telescopes – The California Institute of Technology (Caltech) Submillimeter Observatory and the UH Hilo Hōkūke‘a Teaching Telescope.
- Allows the Authority to limit certain commercial use and activities on Mauna Kea.
- Requires the Authority to allow the University of Hawai‘i a certain amount of viewing time at the telescopes.
- Requires the University of Hawai‘i to continue to equitably fund the Authority.
- Provides certain restrictions on leases.

- Requires an application and fee for all recreational users of Mauna Kea.
- Establishes the Mauna Kea Management Special Fund.
- The Authority shall consist of 11 voting members that are subject to confirmation by the joint Senate Committees on Water and Land and Higher Education. Members of the committee will consist of:
  - Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, or the chairperson's designee.
  - The chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or designee.
  - The chair of the University of Hawai'i BOR or a BOR member designee.
  - A representative selected by Mauna Kea Observatories.
  - An individual with 'āina resource management expertise and a track record of Hawai'i island-based management.
  - An individual with education expertise in P-12 public education; or post-secondary education.
  - An individual with business and finance experience with previous administrative experience in managing a large private-sector business.
  - A lineal descendent of a practitioner of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices associated with Mauna Kea.
  - A recognized practitioner of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.
  - An individual selected from a list of three names from the Senate President.
  - An individual selected from a list of three names from the House Speaker.

Note: The Chancellor at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo shall be an ex-officio non-voting member. Authority members shall serve for a term of three years and shall not serve more than four full or partial terms.

- Deletes the nominating committee.
- The Authority shall have a transition period of three years beginning July 1, 2023, provided that all of the initial members have been confirmed by the

Senate, and that the Authority has elected a chairperson and hired a board secretary.

- The Authority's day-to-day operations shall be led initially by the existing Executive Director of the Center of Mauna Kea Management for a minimum of three years beginning from July 1, 2023
  - The Authority shall complete the land authorization process and address all subleases applications.
  - The Authority shall be financially sustaining beginning the first year after the three-year transitional period.
- Requires an audit of the Authority after the seventh year.
  - If the audit finds the Authority unfit to continue, the management of Mauna Kea will revert to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents and the University of Hawai'i President.
- Appropriates \$12 million to the Mauna Kea Management Special Fund.
- Defects the date to January 1, 2055.