

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07- 04

WHEREAS, an active and close relationship between the Governor and people throughout the State is essential to help identify important local and statewide issues and budget priorities that should be addressed by state government; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State to (1) establish a network that fosters an exchange of ideas between neighbor island citizens and the executive branch; (2) gather information and furnish advice to the Governor about current neighbor island and community problems and concerns; (3) provide the Governor with a prioritized list of issues and goals that should be addressed by state government that take into consideration the unique needs and qualities of the neighbor islands as well as their contributions to an island state and the needs of the State as a whole; (4) identify budget priorities and proposed funding mechanisms to address goals; (5) recommend to the Governor people from the neighbor islands to serve on state boards and commissions; and (6) provide directed leadership and coordination on matters involving local and state issues; and

WHEREAS, section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the Governor of the State of Hawaii to establish such temporary boards and commissions as the Governor "may deem necessary to gather information or furnish advice for the executive branch" and to prescribe the temporary board or commission's "organization, functions and authority";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Lingle, Governor of the State of Hawaii, pursuant to section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, do hereby establish six temporary boards to be known as the Governor's Neighbor Island Community Advisory Council for Hawaii-West, for Hawaii-East, for Maui, for Molokai, for Lanai, and for Kauai, respectively (hereinafter referred to as "Council"), and I further order as follows:

1. Each Council shall gather information and provide the Governor with advice and a prioritized list of short-term and long-term issues and goals that should be addressed by state government; identify spending priorities and potential new revenue sources for the State; identify and recommend to the Governor people from the neighbor island community to serve on state boards and commissions; and provide leadership and coordination on matters involving local and state issues.

2. Each Council shall consist of nine voting members appointed by the Governor, except that the Councils for Molokai and Lanai shall each consist of five voting members appointed by the Governor. The composition of each Council shall, to the extent practicable, be as follows: (1) the Governor's liaison, who shall be a non-voting ex officio member, and (2) the number of members specified in the preceding sentence, to include persons with expertise in one or more of the following areas – business, education, native Hawaiian issues, social services, arts and culture, energy, and the environment. The Governor shall appoint replacement members as necessary. All members of each Council shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities under this Executive Order.

3. The Governor shall appoint one of the members of each Council to be its chairperson and to chair its meetings and each Council shall choose one of its members to serve as vice chairperson to perform the functions of the chairperson in the chairperson's absence. Each Council may create other offices and choose other officers as may be necessary for the completion of its duties and responsibilities under this Executive Order and may form subcommittees, and the chairperson shall appoint members to those subcommittees. Staff support shall be provided to each Council by the appropriate Governor's Liaison Officer.

4. Each Council shall conduct meetings at least monthly, but more frequently as necessary to complete its duties and responsibilities on a timely basis. The meetings of each Council shall be subject to the Sunshine Law, part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. A majority of the members of each Council shall constitute a quorum to do business and to validate any decision or act of that Council.

5. Each Council shall be terminated upon completion of its duties and responsibilities, but no later than the last day of the Regular Session of 2009 of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii.

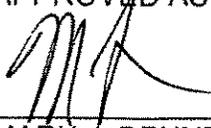
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Hawaii.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,
State of Hawaii, this 14th
day of May, 2007.



LINDA LINGLE SEAL
Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MARK J. BENNETT
Attorney General