

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09-01

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 interest 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 community issues and concerns; (3) provide the Governor with issues and ideas that take into consideration the unique needs and qualities of the neighbor islands; (4) identify community priorities and obtain community input and recommendations to assist the Administration in its budget development and execution; (5) foster community dialog, discussions and input on matters relating to clean energy initiatives to further the state's progress on energy security; (6) recommend to the Governor nominees to serve on state boards and commissions; and (7) assist the administration and convey information 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 Council of Neighbor Island Advisors for Hawaii-East, for Hawaii-West, 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 furnish advice to the Governor about current neighbor island community issues and concerns; identify community priorities and obtain community input and recommendations to assist the Administration in its budget development and execution; foster community dialog, discussions and input on matters relating to clean energy initiatives to further the state's goal of energy security; recommend to the Governor nominees to serve on state boards and commissions; and assist the administration and convey information on matters involving local and state issues.

2. Each Council shall consist of seven voting members appointed by the Governor, except that the Council 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, agriculture, 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 and staff.

4. Each Council shall conduct monthly meetings or as deemed 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 the Council.

5. Each Council shall be terminated upon completion of its duties and responsibilities, but no later than November 30, 2010.

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 16th
day of June, 2009.



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Attorney General