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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that although the 2 internet website of the lieutenant governor contains links to 3 the existing administrative rules of all state agencies, as well 4 as links to proposed rule changes for each agency, the 5 administrative rules and proposed rule changes are accessible 6 only as links to the internet website of each specific state 7 department or agency. Interested parties are unable to conduct 8 a full search of all administrative rules by entering a single 9 query on the administrative rules section of the lieutenant 10 governor's internet website. Instead, the current linkage of 11 rules to the lieutenant governor's internet website allows for a 12 review of the administrative rules of only one state department 13 or one state agency at a time. The legislature finds that 14 providing a single, searchable database that contains the full 15 text of all existing administrative rules for all state agencies 16 would allow for more direct participation in government by our 17 citizens.



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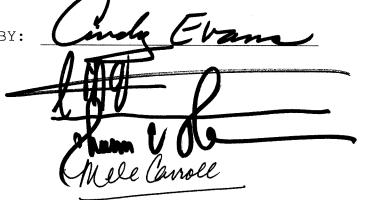
1	The purpose of this Act is to require the lieutenant		
2	governor to post in a single, searchable database, the full text		
3	of all existing administrative rules for all state agencies on		
4	the lieutenant governor's internet website.		
5	SECTION 2. Section 91-2.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
6	amended to read as follows:		
7	"[ <del>[</del> ]§91-2.6[ <del>]</del> ] Proposed rulemaking actions [ <del>and</del> ]; rules;		
8	adoption, amendment, or repeal; posting on the lieutenant		
9	governor's [Internet] internet website. (a) Beginning January		
10	1, [ <del>2000,</del> ] <u>2008,</u> all state agencies, through the office of the		
11	lieutenant governor, shall make available on the internet		
12	website of the office of the lieutenant governor <u>all rules of</u>		
13	each agency, including each proposed rulemaking action of the		
14	agency $[and]_{\underline{\prime}}$ the full text of the agency's proposed rules or		
15	changes to existing rules $[-,]$ , and the existing rules. The		
16	lieutenant governor's internet website shall include the full		
17	text of all existing rules for each state agency in a single		
18	database that allows the text of all rules to be searched by a		
19	word or citation query and provide instructions regarding how to		
20	download the information regarding proposed rulemaking actions		
21	and the full text of the agency's proposed rules.		

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1	(b)	Each state agency, to the greatest extent feasible,
2	shall:	
3	(1)	Ensure that all information pertaining to that agency
4		that is contained on the lieutenant governor's website
5		is current and accurate; and
6	(2)	Advise individuals contacting the state agency of the
7		availability of the proposed rulemaking actions and
8		the full text of the agency's proposed rules and
9		existing rules on the lieutenant governor's website.
10	(C)	Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit
11	the abili	ty of a department to provide access to its
12	administr	ative rules on its own internet website, in addition to
13	the lieut	enant governor's website pursuant to subsection (a)."
14	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
16	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval.
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#### Report Title:

Administrative Rules; Lieutenant Governor

### Description:

Requires the lieutenant governor to post full text of administrative rules for all state agencies on the lieutenant governor's internet website in a single, searchable database, beginning 01/01/08.

