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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.



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           "~~§~~91-2.6~~§~~ **Proposed rulemaking actions [and]; rules;**  
8 **adoption, amendment, or repeal; posting on the lieutenant**  
9 **governor's [Internet] internet website.** (a) Beginning January  
10 1, ~~[2000-]~~ 2008, 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 all rules of  
13 each agency, including the existing rules, each proposed  
14 rulemaking action of the agency ~~[and]~~, the full text of the  
15 agency's proposed rules or changes to 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.



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 ability of a department to provide access to its  
12 administrative rules on its own internet website, in addition to  
13 the lieutenant governor's website pursuant to subsection (a)."

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for  
17 the development and implementation of a complete, up-to-date,  
18 single, searchable database of the administrative rules of each  
19 state agency available on the website of the office of the  
20 lieutenant governor.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
22 lieutenant governor for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**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. Makes an appropriation. (HB629 HD1)

