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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "**§23-8 Assistance and staff.** (a) In the performance of
4 the auditor's duties, the auditor may employ the services of one
5 or more certified public accountants or accounting firms, and
6 other assistants and clerical workers as may be necessary;
7 provided the cost thereof shall not exceed the sums as may be
8 available out of the appropriation provided by law for the
9 conduct of the auditor's office; provided further that the
10 accountants, firms, and assistants are entirely independent of
11 the departments, offices, and agencies of the State and its
12 political subdivisions whose affairs are subject to audit by the
13 auditor.

14 (b) All employees shall be hired by the auditor subject to
15 the approval of the president of the senate and the speaker of
16 the house of representatives and shall serve at the auditor's
17 pleasure; provided that in the establishment of the salary of
18 each employee, the auditor shall consult with the department of



1 human resources development and shall follow as closely as
2 possible the recommendations of the department; provided further
3 that effective July 1, [~~2005~~] 2007, the salary of the first
4 assistant or first deputy shall be not more than [~~eighty-seven~~]
5 ninety-two per cent of the salary of the auditor.

6 (c) The auditor and the auditor's full-time staff shall be
7 entitled to participate in any employee benefit program
8 privileges."

9 SECTION 2. Section 23G-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "**§23G-2 Assistant; staff.** (a) The director shall appoint
12 a first assistant and other officers and employees as may be
13 necessary to carry out the functions of the bureau. All
14 employees, including the first assistant, shall be hired by the
15 director and shall serve at the director's pleasure.

16 (b) In determining the salary of the employees of the
17 bureau, the director shall consult with the department of human
18 resources development; provided that, effective July 1, [~~2005~~]
19 2007, the salary of the first assistant shall be not more than
20 [~~eighty-seven~~] ninety-two per cent of the salary of the
21 director.



1 (c) The director and the director's full-time staff shall
2 be entitled to participate in any employee benefit program plan
3 or privilege."

4 SECTION 3. Section 96-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "**§96-3 Assistance, staff, delegation, funding.** (a) The
7 ombudsman shall appoint a first assistant and other officers and
8 employees as may be necessary to carry out this chapter. All
9 employees, including the first assistant, shall be hired by the
10 ombudsman and shall serve at the ombudsman's pleasure.

11 (b) In determining the salary of each employee, the
12 ombudsman shall consult with the department of human resources
13 development and shall follow as closely as possible the
14 recommendations of the department. Effective July 1, [~~2005~~]
15 2007, the first assistant's salary shall be not more than
16 [~~eighty-seven~~] ninety-two per cent of the salary of the
17 ombudsman.

18 (c) The ombudsman and the ombudsman's full-time staff
19 shall be entitled to participate in any employee benefit plan.

20 (d) The ombudsman may delegate to the ombudsman's
21 appointees any of the ombudsman's duties except those specified
22 in sections 96-12 and 96-13; provided that during the absence of



1 the ombudsman from the island of Oahu, or the ombudsman's
2 temporary inability to exercise and discharge the powers and
3 duties of the ombudsman's office, the powers and duties as
4 contained in sections 96-12 and 96-13 shall devolve upon the
5 first assistant during the ombudsman's absence or inability.

6 (e) The funds for the support of the office of the
7 ombudsman shall be provided for in the act providing for the
8 expenses of the legislature."

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Legislative Service Agencies; Deputies; First Assistants; Salary

Description:

Increases salaries of deputies and first assistants of legislative service agencies from not more than 87% to 92% of the salary of each agency's director.

