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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 26-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§26-6 Department of accounting and general services.** (a)

4 The department of accounting and general services shall be  
5 headed by a single executive to be known as the comptroller.

6           (b) The department shall:

7           (1) Preaudit and conduct after-the-fact audits of the  
8 financial accounts of all state departments to  
9 determine the legality of expenditures and the  
10 accuracy of accounts;

11           (2) Report to the governor and to each regular session of  
12 the legislature as to the finances of each department  
13 of the State;

14           (3) Administer the state risk management program;

15           (4) Establish and manage motor pools;

16           (5) Manage the preservation and disposal of all records of  
17 the State;

- 1           (6) Undertake the program of centralized engineering and  
2           office leasing services, including operation and  
3           maintenance of public buildings, for departments of  
4           the State;
- 5           (7) Undertake the functions of the state surveyor;
- 6           (8) Establish accounting and internal control systems;
- 7           (9) Provide centralized computer information management  
8           and processing services, coordination in the use of  
9           all information processing equipment, software,  
10          facilities, and services in the executive branch of  
11          the State, and consultation and support services in  
12          the use of information processing and management  
13          technologies to improve the efficiency, effectiveness,  
14          and productivity of state government programs; and
- 15          (10) Establish, coordinate, and manage a program to provide  
16          a means for public access to public information and  
17          develop and operate an information network in  
18          conjunction with its overall plans for establishing a  
19          communication backbone for state government.
- 20          (c) The state communication system shall be established  
21          to:

- 1 (1) Facilitate implementation of the State's distributed  
2 information processing and information resource  
3 management plans;
- 4 (2) Improve data, voice, and video communications in state  
5 government;
- 6 (3) Provide a means for connectivity among the state,  
7 university, and county computer systems; and
- 8 (4) Provide a long-term means for public access to public  
9 information.
- 10 (d) The department may adopt rules as may be necessary or  
11 desirable for the operation and maintenance of public buildings,  
12 and for the operation and implementation of a program to provide  
13 a means for public access to the State's information network  
14 system and public information. The rules shall be adopted  
15 pursuant to chapter 91.
- 16 (e) The King Kamehameha celebration commission shall be  
17 placed within the department of accounting and general services  
18 for administrative purposes. The functions, duties, and powers,  
19 subject to the administrative control of the comptroller, and  
20 the composition of the commission shall be as heretofore  
21 provided by law.

1 (f) The functions and authority heretofore exercised by  
2 the comptroller, board of commissioners of public archives, the  
3 archivist, the disposal committee, and the insurance management,  
4 surplus property management, and central purchasing functions of  
5 the bureau of the budget and the nonhighway functions of the  
6 department of public works as heretofore constituted are  
7 transferred to the department of accounting and general services  
8 established by this chapter.

9 (g) The comptroller may appoint two positions without  
10 regard to chapter 76, for the purpose of quickly acquiring and  
11 applying high-demand, highly specialized technology skills and  
12 knowledge that are necessary to improve the operation of  
13 government and service delivery to the public."

14 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**Report Title:**

Accounting and General Services; Exempt Positions

**Description:**

Establishes two permanent exempt positions within the Department of Accounting and General Services for the purpose of acquiring and applying highly specialized technology skills and knowledge. (SD1)