
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC NOTICES FOR THE EXPENDITURE CEILING AND
THE AWARDING OF GRANTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The State is continuously reviewing ways to
2 develop more efficient and cost-effective means of operation.
3 Developing a more streamlined, consistent, and cost-effective
4 means of reporting information to the public is one such way
5 that would clearly be in the public interest.

6 The purpose of this Act is to provide adequate public
7 notice of the state growth and expenditure ceiling and of grants
8 awarded by the State.

9 SECTION 2. Section 37-94, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "**§37-94 Director of finance; duties.** A preliminary
12 estimate of the state growth and expenditure ceiling shall be
13 determined by the director of finance as of August 15 of each
14 year. The final estimate of the state growth and expenditure
15 ceiling to be used by the legislature to make appropriations
16 from the general fund in each year shall be determined by the
17 director of finance as of November 15 of each year. Upon the



1 determination of both the preliminary estimate and the final
 2 estimate of the state growth and expenditure ceiling, the
 3 director shall inform the governor, chief justice, and the
 4 legislature, and shall give~~[, twice in successive weeks,]~~
 5 statewide public notice of the state growth and expenditure
 6 ceiling and the maximum dollar amount that may be appropriated
 7 from the general fund. Notwithstanding the requirements of
 8 section 1-28.5, the notice may be given using one or more of the
 9 following methods:

- 10 (1) Posting on the State of Hawaii, department of budget
 11 and finance website;
- 12 (2) Publication in a daily or weekly publication of
 13 statewide circulation; or
- 14 (3) Any other method the director of finance deems
 15 effective for publicizing the notice."

16 SECTION 3. Section 42F-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 17 amended to read as follows:

18 "~~[+]§42F-107[+]~~ **Grants; release by the governor.** If a
 19 grant awarded by the legislature pursuant to this chapter is not
 20 allocated or released by the governor within ninety days of the
 21 effective date of the legislation awarding the grant, the
 22 governor or the director of finance shall notify~~[, in the manner~~



1 ~~prescribed in section 1-28.5,~~] the recipient of the unreleased
2 grant on the status of whether the grant is still pending or
3 will not be released. The governor or the director of finance
4 shall provide the notice once every quarterly allotment period
5 (as the periods are defined in section 37-32), beginning on the
6 ninety-first day after the effective date of the legislation
7 awarding the grant and until a final determination is made on
8 the status of the grant. Notwithstanding the requirements of
9 section 1-28.5, the notice may be given using one or more of the
10 following methods:

- 11 (1) Posting on the State of Hawaii, office of the governor
12 or the department of budget and finance website;
13 (2) Publication in a daily or weekly publication of
14 statewide circulation; or
15 (3) Any other method the governor or director of finance
16 deems effective for publicizing the notice."

17 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Expenditure Ceiling; Grants and Subsidies; Public Notice

Description:

Clarifies the type of public notice required for reporting the state growth rate and expenditure ceiling and the release of grants. (SB1271 HD1)

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