
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 26-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, charges
2 the department of accounting and general services (DAGS) with
3 the responsibility to "undertake the program of centralized
4 engineering and office leasing services, including operation of
5 public buildings, for departments of the State." In managing a
6 number of capital improvement and renovation projects, DAGS has
7 developed a standard project timeline that ensures:

8 (1) That projects continue to move forward in a
9 predictable manner; and

10 (2) The development of professionalism and accountability
11 for the projects to which DAGS is responsible.

12 Currently, a number of executive departments have
13 undertaken the responsibility for the engineering of numerous
14 general fund construction and renovation projects, thereby
15 decentralizing engineering activities.

16 The purpose of this Act is to require the auditor to review
17 various departmental engineering sections that manage general



1 fund capital improvement projects to determine if it is in the
2 public interest to continue to operate duplicative engineering
3 operations among various departments throughout state government
4 projects.

5 SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall conduct a study that
6 reviews the process, efficiencies, and accountability of various
7 departmental engineering sections that manage general fund
8 capital improvement projects and are operating in the public
9 interest.

10 The study shall:

- 11 (1) Determine if each office adheres to a specific
12 timeline to ensure that the project continues to move
13 forward in a timely manner;
- 14 (2) Determine whether consultants and contractors that are
15 used by departmental engineering sections are properly
16 managed in the public interest; and
- 17 (3) Determine the level of end-user satisfaction with
18 capital improvement projects performed by various
19 departments.



1 (b) The auditor shall submit the study, including its
2 findings and recommendations, to the legislature no later than
3 November 30, 2015.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



Report Title:

Auditor; Department of Accounting and General Services

Description:

Requires the Auditor to conduct a study of various departmental engineering sections that manage general fund capital improvement projects. (HB522 HD1 PROPOSED)

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