
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF STATE
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1 WHEREAS, more than 170 boards and commissions are
2 established by the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, state
3 statutes, and executive orders; and
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5 WHEREAS, the total number of members of all boards and
6 commissions exceed 1,500; and
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8 WHEREAS, members of each board and commission established
9 by law are nominated and, with the consent of the Senate,
10 appointed by the Governor; and
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12 WHEREAS, citizen participation on a board or commission is
13 one of the most effective means for citizens to express their
14 voice to their government; and
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16 WHEREAS, citizens can influence decisions that affect the
17 quality of life for the residents of our State through their
18 participation on boards and commissions; and
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20 WHEREAS, the expertise of citizen members of boards and
21 commissions are a resource for government decision-makers; and
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23 WHEREAS, the majority of the boards and commissions are
24 volunteer positions that do not compensate the members for their
25 services; and
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27 WHEREAS, members devote significant amounts of their time
28 for board and commission meetings and reading and research to
29 prepare for the meetings; and



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1 WHEREAS, there are nearly 350 vacant seats on the boards
2 and commissions, an overall vacancy rate that exceeds 20
3 percent; and

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5 WHEREAS, vacancy rates exceed 70 percent at certain boards
6 or commissions; and

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8 WHEREAS, certain boards or commissions have not convened
9 for years; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is
14 requested to audit the performance of the State's boards and
15 commissions for the period of fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2015-
16 2016; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
19 include in its audit:

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21 (1) Evaluations of the performance of the boards or
22 commissions, including the frequency of meetings, the
23 number of vacancies, and the relevancy of the board or
24 commission's purpose to the State's programs and
25 goals; and
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27 (2) Recommendations, including when appropriate:
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29 (A) To improve the administration of boards and
30 commissions, in line with best practices of other
31 jurisdictions; and
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33 (B) For individual boards and commissions, to reduce
34 the number of members, merge similar or
35 duplicative entities, or sunset entities that no
36 longer fulfill a State need or purpose; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
39 report findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later
40 than 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session of
41 2017; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
3 Acting State Auditor.
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OFFERED BY: *Joseph. [Signature]*

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