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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require a study
2 of the state executive branch organization, with the intent of
3 formulating recommendations to make state government more
4 effective, efficient, and economical.

5 The legislature finds that the organization of the state
6 executive branch has not been comprehensively reviewed since the
7 1977 effort undertaken by the Commission on Government
8 Organization. The legislature further finds that a study of the
9 state executive branch organization is again necessary to
10 determine whether changes are required to better address the
11 problems and issues of the present and future.

12 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a temporary state
13 executive branch realignment commission. The commission shall
14 be placed under the office of the lieutenant governor for
15 administrative purposes.

16 (b) The purpose of the commission shall be to focus on the
17 organization and structure of state government and recommend



1 actions to make the executive branch more effective, efficient,
2 and economical in the delivery of public services.

3 (c) The commission shall be terminated on June 30, 2018;
4 provided that the chair and members of the commission may
5 represent themselves as members of the commission after June 30,
6 2018, when testifying or commenting on actions or
7 recommendations of the commission.

8 SECTION 3. (a) The state executive branch realignment
9 commission shall be composed of the following:

- 10 (1) The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as the chair
11 of the commission;
- 12 (2) Two members appointed jointly by the governor and
13 lieutenant governor without necessity of confirmation
14 by the senate;
- 15 (3) One member appointed by the president of the senate;
16 and
- 17 (4) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of
18 representatives.

19 Members appointed to the commission may, but need not, be
20 state executive branch officers or employees.



1 (b) The appointing authority of a commission member may
2 designate another person to attend one or more meetings in place
3 of the member. The appointing authority shall make the
4 designation in writing and submit it to the commission chair
5 before the meeting that the designee is designated to attend.
6 The designation may cover more than one meeting. The
7 designation may be withdrawn at any time by written notice of
8 the appointing authority to the commission chair.

9 A designee of a commission member shall have all rights and
10 privileges of a member while serving as a designee.

11 (c) Members of the commission shall not receive any
12 compensation for service on the commission, but shall be
13 reimbursed for expenses incurred for the service.

14 (d) Members of the commission may appoint officers other
15 than the chair.

16 SECTION 4. The commission shall study the organization,
17 structure, and programs of the state executive branch to
18 determine whether:

19 (1) Departments and semi-autonomous agencies are operating
20 their programs effectively, efficiently, and
21 economically or whether changes to operations should



- 1 be implemented to improve effectiveness, efficiency,
2 or economy;
- 3 (2) Any programs should be transferred to different
4 departments or semi-autonomous agencies to improve
5 effectiveness, efficiency, or economy;
- 6 (3) Any programs or administrative duties common to
7 multiple departments or semi-autonomous agencies
8 should be consolidated into fewer departments or
9 agencies to improve operation or conserve state
10 resources;
- 11 (4) The responsibility for any program operated by a
12 single department or semi-autonomous agency should be
13 apportioned among other departments or agencies to
14 improve or expand the delivery of services;
- 15 (5) The coordination and cooperation among departments and
16 semi-autonomous agencies with similar programs should
17 be improved;
- 18 (6) Any programs are not high public priorities and should
19 be eliminated; and



1 (7) Any board, commission, or attached agency should be
2 eliminated and its duties and responsibilities
3 transferred to an executive department, or repealed.

4 SECTION 5. (a) The commission shall submit to the
5 legislature an interim report of its progress and findings at
6 least twenty days before the convening of the regular session of
7 2017.

8 (b) By October 1, 2017, the commission shall submit to the
9 legislature a final report of its findings and recommendations,
10 including any proposed legislation.

11 SECTION 6. (a) There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
14 administration and operation of the state executive branch
15 realignment commission, including the establishment and filling
16 of a 1.00 full-time equivalent temporary planner position, which
17 shall be exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
19 lieutenant governor for the purposes of this Act.

20 (b) The office of the lieutenant governor may use other
21 sources of appropriation to the office in order to expend on the



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1 commission any amount of money beyond the appropriation amount
2 established under subsection (a).

3 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

State Executive Branch Realignment Commission

Description:

Temporarily establishes the state executive branch realignment commission composed of the lieutenant governor, who shall serve as chair, two members appointed jointly by the governor and lieutenant governor, one member appointed by the senate president, and one member appointed by the house speaker. Requires the commission to study the organization and structure of the state executive branch and make recommendations for improvement. Sunsets the commission on 06/30/2018.

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