
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO WORK WITH THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OFFICE TO
OBTAIN THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A
COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1 WHEREAS, state boards and commissions provide an
2 opportunity for a cross-section of Hawaii's residents to offer
3 vital input and provide a means of influencing decisions that
4 shape the quality of life for the residents of Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Governor nominates and appoints more than one
7 hundred and seventy boards and commissions established by the
8 State of Hawaii Constitution, state statutes, and executive
9 orders; and
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11 WHEREAS, the term for most boards and commissions is four
12 years, but terms can vary for different boards and commissions;
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15 WHEREAS, it is imperative that members of boards and
16 commissions are appropriately and timely nominated and appointed
17 in order for the boards and commissions to meet and conduct
18 business; and
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20 WHEREAS, due to the turnover in the Executive Branch
21 administrations, important board and commission information is
22 often lost, inaccurate, or unable to be verified due to the lack
23 of a central database, and it is imperative that a separate
24 agency create and maintain a comprehensive list of all state
25 boards and commissions; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Legislative Reference Bureau is a nonpartisan
28 legislative service agency that provides a wide variety of



1 services including but not limited to carrying out government
2 reporting requirements; and

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4 WHEREAS, an accurate and comprehensive list of all state
5 boards and commissions that is monitored and maintained by the
6 Legislative Reference Bureau will ensure government
7 accountability, transparency, and efficiency; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative
12 Reference Bureau is requested to work with the Office of the
13 Governor and Boards and Commissions Office to create and
14 maintain a comprehensive list of all state boards and
15 commissions; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the comprehensive list of state
18 boards and commissions include but not be limited to:

- 19 (1) Appointing authority;
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- 21 (2) Length of term;
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- 23 (3) Date of appointment;
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- 25 (4) Current vacancies;
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- 27 (5) Enactment or adoption of new boards or commissions and
28 its composition; and
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- 30 (6) Statutory changes affecting a board's or commission's
31 composition, quorum, or term limits; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Governor and
35 Boards and Commissions Office are requested to provide all
36 information that is necessary for the Legislative Reference
37 Bureau to create and maintain a comprehensive list of state
38 boards and commissions and to make the comprehensive list
39 publically available on the Internet; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each state department is
42 requested to provide information regarding any board or



1 commission administratively attached to the respective
2 department that is necessary for the Legislative Reference
3 Bureau to create and maintain the comprehensive list; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
6 Bureau is requested to report to the Legislature when a board or
7 commission appointment is nearing the end of a term; board or
8 commission vacancies; and statutory changes affecting a board's
9 or commission's composition, quorum, or term limits; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Lieutenant
13 Governor; Comptroller; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
14 Attorney General; Director of Finance; Director of Business,
15 Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Commerce and
16 Consumer Affairs; Adjutant General; Superintendent of Education;
17 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Director of
18 Health; Director of Human Resources Development; Director of
19 Human Services; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations;
20 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director
21 of Public Safety; Director of Taxation; Director of
22 Transportation; Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the
23 University of Hawaii; Chief Information Officer of the Office of
24 Information Management and Technology; Director of the Office of
25 Information Practices; Director of Boards and Commissions; and
26 Acting Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; provided
27 that each department head shall transmit a copy of this
28 Concurrent Resolution to any board or commission
29 administratively attached to the respective department.

