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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4           "§28- Legislative division. (a) There is established a  
5 legislative division within the department of the attorney  
6 general to administer and render state legal services, pursuant  
7 to section 26-7, 28-3, or 28-4 or any other law, that the  
8 department may provide to the legislature, its respective  
9 chambers, its committees, one or more of its individual members  
10 in connection with their public duties, or the legislature's  
11 attached service agencies.

12           (b) Notwithstanding sections 26-38 and 26-39 or any other  
13 provision to the contrary, the attorney general shall not be  
14 authorized to abolish the legislative division.

15           (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect,  
16 in any manner, the employment or retaining of any attorney by an



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1 office or agency of the legislature as authorized under section  
2 28-8.3."

3 SECTION 2. The attorney general shall:

4 (1) Prepare a status report on the attorney general's  
5 progress in implementing this Act, including  
6 descriptions and analyses of:

7 (A) Activities and accomplishments;

8 (B) Any issues or problems encountered; and

9 (C) Any requirements for additional staff and  
10 resources;

11 (2) Evaluate the actual and projected outcomes of this Act  
12 regarding:

13 (A) The powers, duties, functions, and processes of  
14 the department of the attorney general as they  
15 pertain to legal services provided to the  
16 legislature and any secondary effects upon the  
17 legal services the department provides to other  
18 state entities; and

19 (B) The department's organizational viability,  
20 operational efficiency, and financial condition;  
21 and



1           (3) Review the overall organizational structure of the  
2           department of the attorney general and make  
3           recommendations on any necessary restructuring of the  
4           department's divisions, offices, or positions to  
5           ensure the efficient functioning of the department.

6           The attorney general shall submit a report of the attorney  
7           general's findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
8           legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
9           to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

10          SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11          revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so  
12          much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
13          the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
14          year 2018-2019 to establish the legislative division within the  
15          department of the attorney general.

16          The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
17          of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

18          SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*

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**Report Title:**

Attorney General; Legislative Division; Legal Services for the Legislature

**Description:**

Establishes the Legislative Division within the AG to provide legal services to the Legislature. Requires the AG to submit a report to the Legislature on the progress of implementing the Division, its projected outcomes, and recommendations to amend the organizational structure of the AG. Makes an appropriation.

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