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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

1           SECTION 1.   (a)   The state auditor shall conduct a  
2 management audit to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of  
3 the public utilities commission and aid in the commission's  
4 transition to a better functioning entity.  The management audit  
5 shall include but not be limited to:

6           (1)   Appropriateness and applicability of current utility  
7                legislation;

8           (2)   Adequacy of coverage of current public utilities  
9                commission policies, rules, and procedures, including  
10               the commission's current strategic plan;

11          (3)   Management of the public utilities commission in terms  
12               of:

13           (A)   Providing technical and analytical staff support  
14                in case management and enforcement of the public  
15                utilities commission's rules; and

16           (B)   The ability of individual commissioners to  
17                request or select the services of a staff  
18                attorney, researcher, or clerical or support



1                   staff to assist the requesting commissioner with  
2                   that commissioner's duties; and

3           (4)   The effectiveness of the public utilities commission  
4           in dealing with telecommunications, energy, and other  
5           utility issues.

6           (b)   The auditor may also review public utilities  
7           commissions in other jurisdictions to determine any generally  
8           considered best practices for a public utilities commission,  
9           including any emphasis on efficiency in operations or  
10          collaborations amongst members and any examples of other  
11          commissions that require more diverse backgrounds amongst  
12          commissioners or any commissions that have the ability to  
13          consider more than one docket at a time.

14          (c)   The auditor shall submit a report to the legislature  
15          of findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
16          legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
17          the regular session of 2018.

18          SECTION 2.   This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



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**Report Title:**

Public Utilities Commission; Audit

**Description:**

Requires a management audit of the Public Utilities Commission.  
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