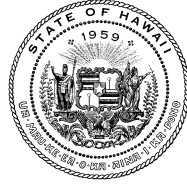


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Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
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Re: S.B. 628, S.D. 1, Relating to Boards and Commissions

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of S.B. 628, S.D. 1, and provides the following comments for your consideration.

S.B. 628, S.D. 1, requires the head of the department in which the board or commission is placed or administratively attached to report to the Governor when a vacancy occurs in the membership of any board or commission during a term. The measure adds to the duties of the special advisor for technology to the Governor, including assisting the governor in creating, disseminating, and updating a list of all boards and commissions. It adds to the duties of outgoing governor to appoint individuals to fill vacancies in the membership of boards and commissions, and provides the governor-elect with an up-to-date list of information on boards and commissions. It has an unspecified appropriation for the office of the governor to create a full-time position to manage the listing of the information on all state boards and commissions. The measure is effective on July 1, 2017.

The Department first notes that it provides administrative support to the Boards of Review, Council on Revenues (COR) and the Tax Review Commission (TRC). The Department currently does and is able to comply with the requirement to report to the governor any vacancy membership of the Boards of Review, COR, and TRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.