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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that every year laws are
2 enacted that require government departments, agencies, and
3 offices to conduct new studies and audits and to report the
4 findings and recommendations of those studies and audits to the
5 legislature. The volume of reports required each year and the
6 number of reporting entities involved in creating those reports
7 makes it difficult for the legislature to effectively track and
8 review the required reports for purposes of accountability.
9 Therefore, it is necessary to establish a streamlined system in
10 which the legislature can be accurately informed about which
11 departments, agencies, and offices are and are not meeting their
12 reporting requirements.

13 The legislature also finds that the legislative reference
14 bureau is already tasked with creating a report outlining which
15 bills require the submission of a report to the legislature.
16 The legislative reference bureau is therefore the appropriate
17 entity to collect and manage more detailed information relating



1 to required reports and the submission of those reports to the
2 legislature each session.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
4 legislative reference bureau to:

5 (1) Develop a spreadsheet informing members of the
6 legislature on the status and content of all reports
7 to be submitted to the legislature as required by law
8 or requested by legislative resolution; and

9 (2) Inform the legislature of all annual and other reports
10 required by law to be submitted to the legislature or
11 requested by legislative resolution that were not
12 timely submitted.

13 SECTION 2. Section 23G-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "[+]§23G-5[+] **Annual and other reports to be submitted to**
16 **legislature; tracking, monitoring, reporting, coordination.** (a)

17 The legislative reference bureau shall develop a system to track
18 and monitor the submission of reports to the legislature by
19 executive agencies and the judiciary. The system shall
20 encompass all annual and other reports required by law to be



1 submitted to the legislature, or requested by legislative
2 resolution.

3 (b) For all annual and other reports required by law to be
4 submitted to the legislature, or requested by legislative
5 resolution, the legislative reference bureau shall create a
6 spreadsheet detailing the following:

7 (1) The number of the Act or resolution requiring the
8 report;

9 (2) A description of the required contents of the report;

10 (3) The amount of money appropriated for the study that
11 was the basis for the report and for the compilation
12 of the report; and

13 (4) The date upon which the legislature received the
14 required report.

15 The legislative reference bureau shall make available a copy of
16 the spreadsheet to all members of the legislature no later than
17 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.

18 (c) The legislative reference bureau shall inform the
19 legislature of all annual and other reports required by law to
20 be submitted to the legislature, or requested by legislative



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1 resolution, that were not timely submitted no later than ten
2 days after the convening of each regular session."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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