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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 the  
15 bills that require the submission of a report to the  
16 legislature. The legislative reference bureau is therefore the  
17 appropriate entity to collect and manage more detailed



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

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 4 (1) Require the appropriate receiving elective officer of  
5 each chamber of the legislature to promptly notify the  
6 legislative reference bureau of the receipt of any  
7 report required by law to be submitted to the  
8 legislature or requested by legislative concurrent  
9 resolution;
- 10 (2) Require the legislative reference bureau to develop a  
11 spreadsheet informing members of the legislature on  
12 the status and content of all reports to be submitted  
13 to the legislature as required by law or requested by  
14 legislative concurrent resolution;
- 15 (3) Require the legislative reference bureau to inform the  
16 legislature of all annual and other reports required  
17 by law to be submitted to the legislature or requested  
18 by legislative concurrent resolution that were not  
19 timely submitted; and
- 20 (4) Require governmental agencies that submit reports to  
21 include certain information in their reports to



1 facilitate the legislative reference bureau's timely  
2 reporting of the submission of those reports.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
4 as follows:

5 1. By amending its title to read:

6 "LEGISLATIVE [~~HEARINGS AND PROCEDURE~~] OPERATIONS"

7 2. By designating sections 21-1 to 21-19, Hawaii Revised  
8 Statutes, as "Part I. Legislative Investigating Committees".

9 3. By amending sections 21-1, 21-2, 21-6, 21-13, 21-15,  
10 and 21-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by substituting the word  
11 "part" wherever the word "chapter" appears, as the context  
12 requires.

13 4. By adding a new part to be appropriately inserted and  
14 to read:

15 "PART . GENERAL PROVISIONS

16 §21- Reports received by the legislature; notification  
17 to the legislative reference bureau. Upon the receipt of any  
18 report required by law to be submitted to the legislature or  
19 requested by legislative concurrent resolution, the appropriate  
20 receiving elective officer of each chamber shall promptly notify



1 the legislative reference bureau of the date of receipt of the  
2 report."

3 SECTION 3. Section 23G-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

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

7 The legislative reference bureau shall develop a system to track  
8 and monitor the submission of reports to the legislature by  
9 executive agencies and the judiciary. The system shall  
10 encompass all annual and other reports required by law to be  
11 submitted to the legislature, or requested by legislative  
12 concurrent resolution.

13 (b) For all annual and other reports required by law to be  
14 submitted to the legislature, or requested by legislative  
15 concurrent resolution, the legislative reference bureau shall  
16 create a spreadsheet detailing the following:

- 17 (1) The number of the Act or legislative concurrent  
18 resolution requiring the report;  
19 (2) A description of the required contents of the report;  
20 (3) If applicable, the amount of money appropriated for  
21 the report, or for a study that was the basis for the



1 report, if the appropriation amount is clearly  
2 specified in the Act or legislative concurrent  
3 resolution or is made available by the agency required  
4 to submit the report or study, pursuant to section 93-  
5 16(a)(3);

6 (4) The date on which the report is due to the  
7 legislature; and

8 (5) The date on which the legislature received the  
9 required report, as provided to the legislative  
10 reference bureau pursuant to section 21- .

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

14 (c) A copy of all annual and other reports required by law  
15 to be submitted to the legislature, or requested by legislative  
16 concurrent resolution, shall be provided to the legislative  
17 reference bureau by the submitting government agency in  
18 accordance with section 93-16.

19 (d) No later than ten days after the convening of each  
20 regular session, the legislative reference bureau shall notify  
21 the legislature of all annual and other reports required by law



1 to be submitted to the legislature, or requested by legislative  
2 concurrent resolution, that were not timely submitted."

3 SECTION 4. Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

5 "(a) Notwithstanding any other statute, law, charter  
6 provision, ordinance, or rule to the contrary, whenever a  
7 government agency is required to submit a report to the  
8 legislature, the report shall [be]:

9 (1) [~~Available~~] Be available in printed form;

10 (2) Clearly identify the law or laws, or legislative  
11 concurrent resolution, that required or requested the  
12 report, as appropriate;

13 (3) Include the amount of money appropriated for the  
14 report or for a study that was the basis for the  
15 report, as appropriate;

16 (4) Include the date that the legislature established for  
17 the report to be submitted to it for review;

18 [~~(2) Submitted~~] (5) Be submitted in printed form to the  
19 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of  
20 representatives, and the legislative reference bureau  
21 library; and



1        [~~(3) Posted~~] (6) Be posted on the designated central State  
2                                of Hawaii website; or  
3        [~~(4) Posted~~] (7) Be posted on the Internet in an easily-  
4                                located manner.

5                (b) If a government agency submits a report to the  
6        legislature that is a consolidation of reports mandated by law  
7        or requested by legislative concurrent resolution of that agency  
8        or of other agencies that are administratively attached to the  
9        government agency submitting the consolidated report, then the  
10        agency submitting the consolidated report shall also include:

11              (1) A listing of each mandated report that is being  
12                                included in the consolidated report [~~and~~] by clearly  
13                                identifying the law or laws or legislative concurrent  
14                                resolution, as appropriate, that required or requested  
15                                the report;

16              (2) The specific time period covered by the particular  
17                                government agency's report, if different from the time  
18                                period covered by the consolidated report [~~-~~]; and

19              (3) The amount of money appropriated for the compiled  
20                                report, broken down by cost for each report or study



1           that is the basis for the report, as appropriate, that  
2           is included in the consolidated report."

3           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.





**Report Title:**

Government Accountability; LRB; Reports

**Description:**

Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to develop a spreadsheet informing members of the legislature on the status and content of all reports to be submitted to the legislature as required by law or requested by legislative concurrent resolution. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to inform the legislature of all annual and other reports required by law to be submitted to the legislature or requested by legislative concurrent resolution that were not timely submitted. Requires reporting entities to submit a copy of all reports submitted to the legislature to the Legislative Reference Bureau. (SD2)

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