
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE COMPTROLLER CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO
REVIEW AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE FACILITIES TO
MAXIMIZE HEALTH AND COGNITIVE FUNCTION.

1 WHEREAS, individuals who work in state facilities provide a
2 variety of crucial services to the people of Hawaii at the
3 expense of the taxpayer; and

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5 WHEREAS, any use of taxpayer dollars should be maximized;
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8 WHEREAS, a joint study conducted by Harvard University, the
9 State University of New York Upstate Medical University, and
10 Syracuse University linked green office environments with higher
11 cognitive function scores; and

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13 WHEREAS, the study found that people who work in well-
14 ventilated offices with below-average levels of indoor
15 pollutants and carbon dioxide have significantly higher
16 cognitive function scores in crucial areas such as responding to
17 a crisis or developing strategy than those who work in offices
18 with typical levels; and

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20 WHEREAS, the cognitive function scores of participants who
21 worked in green buildings were, on average, between sixty-one
22 percent and one hundred one percent higher than those who did
23 not work in green buildings; and

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25 WHEREAS, these findings were consistent with years of prior
26 research demonstrating that improved indoor environmental
27 quality is associated with better health outcomes for workers;
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1 WHEREAS, improving the health and development of state
2 workers is in the best interest of the State; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
6 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Comptroller is requested
7 to convene a Healthy Workplace Working Group, a task force, to
8 review and recommend improvements to state facilities that will
9 maximize the health and cognitive functions of individuals
10 working inside the facilities; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Workplace Working
13 Group shall consist of the following members or their designees:
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- 15 (1) The Comptroller, who shall serve as chair of the
16 Working Group;
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- 18 (2) Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives;
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- 21 (3) Two members to be appointed by the President of the
22 Senate;
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- 24 (4) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and
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- 26 (5) The Chief Information Officer; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Healthy
29 Workplace Working Group shall invite a representative from the
30 United States Green Building Council and a representative from
31 the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to
32 participate in the Working Group; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Healthy
35 Workplace Working Group may invite other interested parties to
36 participate in the Working Group; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Healthy
39 Workplace Working Group shall serve without compensation; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Workplace Working
42 Group is requested to submit a report of its findings and



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1 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
2 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
3 the Regular Session of 2020; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
7 Comptroller, Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and
8 Chief Information Officer.

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