
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FOLLOW-UP STUDY TO ITS 2015
STUDY OF DEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERING SECTIONS THAT MANAGE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

1 WHEREAS, Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, required the
2 Auditor to conduct a study that reviewed the process,
3 efficiencies, and accountability of various departmental
4 engineering sections that manage general fund capital
5 improvement projects; and
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7 WHEREAS, Act 241, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, enacted
8 section 103-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires the
9 Comptroller to conduct annual training for the engineering
10 personnel of all executive departments and agencies that manage
11 their own capital improvement projects to ensure compliance with
12 state adopted standards and procedures of best practices in the
13 management and construction of capital improvement projects; and
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15 WHEREAS, section 103-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, also
16 requires each executive department and agency to provide
17 orientation training for certain employees; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Act 177, Session Laws of
20 Hawaii 2015, and Act 241, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to
21 address concerns regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of
22 ongoing capital improvement projects that have historically been
23 burdened with unexpected costs, chronic delays, or unspecified
24 deadlines; and
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26 WHEREAS, despite the Legislature's efforts, there continues
27 to be a number of issues and concerns regarding the design,
28 implementation, and execution of state capital improvement
29 projects; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Auditor has recommended that state departments
32 use timelines that include a comprehensive list of all of the



1 applicable project's required activities; follow the State
2 Procurement Office's guidelines for tracking payments and
3 deliverables by using a contract administration worksheet that
4 includes milestones of deliverables; and identify and involve
5 stakeholders throughout a project's execution and closing,
6 including providing information about project costs, schedules
7 and performance; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
11 2019, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a follow-up study
12 to its 2015 Study of Departmental Engineering Sections That
13 Manage Capital Improvement Projects (Report No. 15-13);
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
16 include the following in the study:
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18 (1) An examination of the various departmental engineering
19 offices to ascertain whether the Auditor's
20 recommendations have been implemented; and
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22 (2) A review of the implementation and effectiveness of
23 the annual training conducted by the Comptroller in
24 accordance with section 103-12, Hawaii Revised
25 Statutes, to determine the effectiveness of the
26 training and any improvements in the execution of
27 capital improvement projects statewide that may have
28 been created by the training; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
31 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
32 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
33 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
34 2020; and
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