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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to
2 modernize state government to reflect the current generation of
3 Hawaii residents, as recent studies have shown a lack of public
4 support for government in the State. Furthermore, the current
5 structure of government presents challenges to effective and
6 efficient governing at all levels. The legislature also finds
7 that the needs of society have changed drastically, with greater
8 emphasis on modernization, transparency, and accountability, and
9 these needs should be reflected in the functions and services
10 provided by state government.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish the state
12 government realignment commission to periodically review the
13 state executive branch's departments, divisions, and agencies,
14 including functions and services, and submit its findings and
15 recommendations to the legislature.



1 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to title 4 to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 STATE GOVERNMENT REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

6 § -1 Establishment of the commission. (a) There shall
7 be a state government realignment commission, hereinafter called
8 the commission, which shall be placed within the department of
9 accounting and general services for administrative purposes.
10 The commission shall consist of seven members. Three members
11 shall be appointed by the governor, two members by the president
12 of the senate, and two members by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives. All members shall be subject to the advice and
14 consent of the senate. The commission shall elect its
15 chairperson from one of its members.

16 (b) The members of the commission shall receive no
17 compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for
18 actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

19 (c) The commission may enter into contracts with
20 consultants and engage employees necessary to perform its duties
21 without regard to chapter 76. Departments of the state



1 government shall make available to the commission the data and
2 facilities as are necessary for the commission to perform its
3 duties.

4 **§ -2 Term.** A commission shall be appointed and
5 confirmed on or before July 1, 2021, and a new commission shall
6 be appointed and confirmed on or before July 1 every ten years
7 thereafter; provided that if any vacancy occurs in the
8 membership of a commission prior to the completion of its duties
9 or dissolution, there shall be appointed a replacement member in
10 accordance with sections -1 and 26-34. The commission shall
11 meet from time to time as necessary to execute its duties. The
12 commission shall dissolve upon the adjournment sine die of the
13 legislature to which it submits the evaluation and
14 recommendations required by section -3.

15 **§ -3 Duties.** The commission shall conduct a systematic
16 review of the state executive branch's departments, divisions,
17 and agencies, including functions and services, using standards
18 such as equity, efficiency, and modernization to consolidate,
19 expand, or reassign services. Thirty days prior to the
20 convening of the third regular session of the legislature after
21 the members of the commission have been appointed, the



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1 commission shall submit to the legislature the findings of its
 2 systemic review of the state executive branch and any
 3 recommendations based on the findings; provided that the
 4 legislature shall review and take into consideration the
 5 commission's findings and recommendations."

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

State Government Realignment Commission; Departments; Divisions; Agencies

Description:

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