
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE AND OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, TO IDENTIFY STEPS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DEVELOP AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM TO TRACK STUDIES, FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR STUDIES, AND SUBMISSION STATUS OF REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2020, the Legislature
2 appropriated funds and required reports in one hundred Acts; and
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4 WHEREAS, of those one hundred required reports, thirteen
5 reports were not submitted; of those thirteen, ten reports were
6 funded and not delivered; and
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8 WHEREAS, Act 71, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, appropriated
9 \$30,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 and \$15,000 for fiscal year
10 2016-2017 to be expended by the Department of Health to report
11 to the Legislature on the status of the civil monetary penalty
12 special fund, which report has not been submitted to the
13 Legislature; and
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15 WHEREAS, Act 194, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, appropriated
16 \$2,000,000 out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii
17 for fiscal year 2016-2017 for positions and other operating
18 expenditures of the Roads Commission and for repair work,
19 including flood mitigation, installation of drainage
20 infrastructure, and road resurfacing; however, the Roads
21 Commission was never established, the appropriation lapsed, and
22 no report was submitted; and
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24 WHEREAS, Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, required the
25 Legislative Reference Bureau to develop a system to track and
26 monitor the submission of reports to the Legislature by
27 executive agencies and the Judiciary, and specified that the
28 system encompass all annual and other reports required by law to
29 be submitted to the Legislature or requested by legislative
30 resolution; and



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2 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Legislature began accepting reports
3 filed electronically, yet the Legislative Reference Bureau still
4 cannot identify the status of pending reports, largely due to
5 its manual filing system which is geared towards receiving and
6 filing reports rather than tracking report status; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Finance also cannot
9 ascertain the status of funded studies; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Office of Enterprise Technology Services
12 developed a Capital Improvement Project Dashboard tracking
13 system that tracks the amount of CIP funds encumbered and
14 expended by department and by month, and allows citizens to see
15 how the funds raised by bond issues are being spent, by whom,
16 and when; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
20 that the Legislative Reference Bureau, in consultation with the
21 Department of Budget and Finance and Office of Enterprise
22 Technology Services, is requested to:
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- 24 (1) Identify steps that would be required to develop an
25 automated system to track studies, funds appropriated
26 for studies, and submission status of reports to the
27 Legislature; and
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29 (2) Obtain an estimate of costs for developing and
30 maintaining the automated system; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
33 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
34 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
35 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
39 Reference Bureau, Director of Budget and Finance, and Chief
40 Information Officer.

