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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 purpose of this Act is to require public  
2 access to travel reports submitted by state employees, officers,  
3 and other representatives of the State traveling on official  
4 state business.

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
6 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
7 read as follows:

8           "§40-     Travel reports; official state business; public  
9 access. (a) Any travel report submitted by a state employee,  
10 officer, or other representative of any state department or  
11 agency, including the judiciary and university of Hawaii, in  
12 connection with out-of-state or intra-state travel for purposes  
13 of official state business, shall be made available for public  
14 review on the comptroller's website; provided that any  
15 personally identifiable information shall be kept private and  
16 redacted from the published report; provided further that out-  
17 of-state or intra-state travel for purposes of law enforcement



1 operations need only identify the date, points of departure and  
2 arrival, and a statement that the travel is for the purposes of  
3 law enforcement operations. A state law enforcement agency may  
4 delay the reporting of out-of-state or intra-state travel for  
5 purposes of law enforcement operations to preserve the  
6 confidentiality of an investigation or prosecution until the  
7 completion of an investigation or prosecution, or until the  
8 determination of the law enforcement agency that it is no longer  
9 necessary to delay the disclosure of the travel report.

10 (b) For purposes of this section, "other representative of  
11 any state department or agency" means a person traveling for a  
12 state-related function, using state funds."

13 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
14 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
16 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
17 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
18 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by

19 \$            or            per cent. This current declaration takes  
20 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
21 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act



1 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
2 ceiling are that:

3 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
4 serve the public interest; and

5 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
6 addressed by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to  
10 provide digital and searchable public access to the travel  
11 reports of state employees, officers, and other representatives  
12 of the State for travel related to official state business.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
14 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112;  
17 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



**Report Title:**

Department of Accounting and General Services; Comptroller;  
Travel Reports; Public Access; Expenditure Ceiling;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires any travel report submitted by a state employee, officer, or other representative of any state department or agency, including the Judiciary and University of Hawaii, in connection with out-of-state or intra-state travel for purposes of official state business, to be made available for public review on the Comptroller's website. Requires any personally identifiable information to be redacted from the published report. Limits the information to be disclosed for travel reports relating to law enforcement operations. Allows law enforcement agencies to delay the reporting of its travel report for law enforcement operation purposes. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect 7/1/2112. (SD1)

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