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S.B. NO. 1179

A Bill for an Act Relating to Annual Reports.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Findings and purpose. The legislature recognizes that there is a proliferation of annual reports published by departments and agencies in the executive branch of the state government. Some of these reports are required by statute while others are published at the initiative of individual departments, agencies, or programs.

The original purpose of these annual reports was to provide information on programs of the executive branch to the legislature, governor, general public, and other governmental agencies.

However, with the enactment of Act 185, SLH 1970, the majority of the information provided in annual reports is available for all 300 programs administered by the departments and agencies in the executive branch in the form of program and financial plans, program memoranda, and variance reports, etc. This detailed information is provided to every legislator and is readily available to interested members of the general public at public libraries within the State.

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The purpose of this Act is to better utilize the manpower and financial resources of the state government by amending the Hawaii Revised Statutes to eliminate duplication of information in annual reports wherever such duplication exists.

In order to accomplish the purpose of this Act, the responsibility and authority for reporting on the achievement of executive branch programs should be assigned to the governor. In addition, the governor should be authorized to:

1. Determine all annual report requirements of the executive branch; and
2. Ascertain which annual report requirements will be continued or eliminated.

SECTION 2. Section 93-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§93-12 Annual reports[; due date]. All annual reports that are or shall be required to be submitted by a state agency to the governor or another state agency, shall be submitted on a fiscal year basis; provided, that the governor may prescribe other due dates for annual reports when the fiscal year basis would not be feasible. Further, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, in order to make optimal use of available state government resources, the governor may waive annual report requirements if information included in such reports is available in other reports and is acceptable for the purpose required or is deemed to be no longer pertinent for program reporting purposes. If there is duplication of information in annual reports within an agency, these annual reports shall be consolidated. In lieu of the submittal of individual annual reports by state departments, agencies, boards, or commissions, the governor may submit a consolidated annual report for the executive branch or direct the consolidation of one or more reports. These provisions shall not preclude the legislature from requesting specific reports through concurrent resolution.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 4, 1985.)