

ACT 223

H.B. NO. 2567

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Duplication of Governmental Services.

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

SECTION 1. This Act implements recommendations to eliminate duplication in government services as proposed by the economic revitalization task force, which was convened by the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

The legislature recognizes that the state and county governments each have programs that deal with highway and road maintenance, parks, health and ambulance services, human services, housing, civil defense, and other government services. Currently, the state and county governments are experiencing reduced revenues due to the prevailing economic conditions. Therefore, state and county governments must increase efficiency in the delivery of government services.

The purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Require the governor and the mayors of the respective counties to analyze the issue of duplicative state and county services, determine areas and methods to consolidate, and draft implementation plans; and
- (2) Develop a viable process to eliminate the duplication of government services at the state and county levels.

SECTION 2. The governor and mayors of the respective counties, shall:

- (1) Analyze the issue of duplicative state and county services;
- (2) Determine areas of duplication and methods to consolidate;
- (3) Draft implementation plans to eliminate duplication; and
- (4) Draft a final plan, including any necessary proposed legislation, which shall eliminate duplicative services, but shall not diminish, abridge, or eliminate any of the currently existing services relating to highways, public and private roads, and parks whether provided by the State or counties.

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SECTION 3. The governor and mayors shall submit to the legislature:

- (1) A report of their findings and recommendations on eliminating duplication of all government services at the state and county levels with respect to highway and parks services to the legislature not later than November 30, 1998; and
- (2) A final report, including the final plan, on eliminating duplication of all government services at the state and county levels not later than November 30, 1999.

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

(Approved July 20, 1998.)