
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE ATTACHMENT OF THE OFFICE
OF INFORMATION PRACTICES ON A PERMANENT BASIS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, the Office of Information Practices was
2 established by Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 1988; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Office of Information Practices administers
5 the Uniform Information Practices Act, codified as chapter 92F,
6 Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires open access to
7 government records, and the Sunshine Law, codified as chapter
8 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires open public
9 meetings; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Office of Information Practices was
12 established on a temporary basis, and is currently attached to
13 the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for administrative
14 purposes; and

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16 WHEREAS, establishing the Office of Information Practices
17 on a permanent basis would provide stability and continuity in
18 legal opinions and guidelines affecting state and county
19 agencies, as well as promote independence from undue political
20 influence; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, the Legislative
25 Reference Bureau is requested to study the feasibility of
26 establishing the Office of Information Practices on a permanent
27 basis, administratively attached to the Department of Accounting
28 and General Services; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of its study, the
2 Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to consider the
3 feasibility of establishing positions within the Office of
4 Information Practices that would be subject to the Civil Service
5 Law, as codified in chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
8 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
9 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
10 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the Regular Session of 2015; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor,
15 the Comptroller, the Director of the Office of Information
16 Practices, and the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

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