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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ORDER OF SUCCESSION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 26-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3           "(a) When the office of lieutenant governor is vacant by  
4 reason of the lieutenant governor's becoming governor, or the  
5 lieutenant governor's failure to qualify, or the lieutenant  
6 governor's removal from office, death, resignation, or  
7 otherwise, the powers and duties of the office of lieutenant  
8 governor shall devolve upon the president of the senate;  
9 provided that the president of the senate is of the same  
10 political party as the governor; or, if there is none or upon  
11 the president's failure to resign promptly from all legislative  
12 offices held by the president, then upon the speaker of the  
13 house of representatives; provided that the speaker of the house  
14 of representatives is of the same political party as the  
15 governor; or, if there is none or upon the speaker's failure to  
16 resign promptly from all legislative offices held by the  
17 speaker, then [~~upon the attorney general, the director of~~



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1 ~~finance, the comptroller, the director of taxation, and the~~  
 2 ~~director of human resources development in the order named,~~  
 3 ~~provided that any officer upon whom the powers and duties of the~~  
 4 ~~office of lieutenant governor devolve may decline the powers and~~  
 5 ~~duties without the officer's resignation from the office by~~  
 6 ~~virtue of the holding of which the officer qualifies to act as~~  
 7 ~~lieutenant governor, in which event the powers and duties will~~  
 8 ~~devolve upon the next officer listed in the order of~~  
 9 ~~succession.] upon a person appointed by the governor who is a~~  
 10 ~~member of the same political party as the governor and is~~  
 11 ~~qualified to hold the office of lieutenant governor pursuant to~~  
 12 ~~article V, section 2, of the Hawaii State Constitution."~~

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

~~SC. [Signature]~~  
 Rosalyn H. Baker  
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**Report Title:**

Order of Succession; Lieutenant Governor

**Description:**

Clarifies the order of succession to the office of lieutenant governor when the office of lieutenant governor becomes vacant.

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