
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The taxation rebalancing and repurposing
2 task force is established within the department of taxation for
3 administrative purposes only. The task force shall study the
4 need to rebalance and repurpose the tax programs under the
5 State's general excise tax law, income tax law, and transient
6 accommodations tax law. Specifically, the task force shall
7 consider opportunities to make the administration of these
8 programs more effective and efficient so that the programs are
9 reallocated and realigned to:
- 10 (1) Respond to the needs and desires of the residents in
11 the State;
- 12 (2) Minimize the duplication and redundancy of state
13 resources;
- 14 (3) Ensure that tax revenues are used for the programs
15 that generated them; and



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1 (4) Lower the state tax burden on businesses and residents
2 while ensuring that quality government services are
3 provided to residents of the State and visitors.

4 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) The governor or the governor's designee, who shall
6 serve as chairperson;

7 (2) The mayor of each county or the respective mayor's
8 designee;

9 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives or the
10 speaker's designee; and

11 (4) The president of the senate or the president's
12 designee.

13 (c) Members of the task force shall be exempt from section
14 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and members shall serve without
15 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
16 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
17 expenses.

18 (d) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
19 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
20 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the regular session of 2020.



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1 (e) The department of taxation shall provide
2 administrative and clerical support required by the task force.

3 (f) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2020.

4 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Taxation; Task Force; Rebalancing and Repurposing

Description:

Establishes a task force in the Department of Taxation to discuss the need to rebalance and repurpose the tax programs created by the general excise tax, income tax, and transient accommodations tax laws.

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