
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE COMPTROLLER CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE FACILITIES TO MAXIMIZE HEALTH AND COGNITIVE FUNCTION.

1 WHEREAS, individuals who work in state facilities provide a
2 variety of crucial services to the people of Hawaii at the
3 expense of the taxpayer; and
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5 WHEREAS, any use of taxpayer dollars should be maximized;
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8 WHEREAS, a joint study conducted by Harvard University, the
9 State University of New York Upstate Medical University, and
10 Syracuse University linked green office environments with higher
11 cognitive function scores; and
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13 WHEREAS, the study found that people who work in well-
14 ventilated offices with below-average levels of indoor
15 pollutants and carbon dioxide have significantly higher
16 cognitive function scores in crucial areas such as responding to
17 a crisis or developing strategy than those who work in offices
18 with typical levels; and
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20 WHEREAS, the cognitive function scores of participants who
21 worked in green buildings were, on average, between sixty-one
22 percent and one hundred one percent higher than those who did
23 not work in green buildings; and
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25 WHEREAS, these findings were consistent with years of prior
26 research demonstrating that improved indoor environmental
27 quality is associated with better health outcomes for workers;
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30 WHEREAS, improving the health and development of state
31 workers is in the best interest of the State; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
3 2019, that the Comptroller is requested to convene a Healthy
4 Workplace Working Group, a task force, to review and recommend
5 improvements to state facilities that will maximize the health
6 and cognitive functions of individuals working inside the
7 facilities; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Workplace Working
10 Group shall consist of the following members or their designees:

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12 (1) The Comptroller, who shall serve as chair of the
13 Working Group;
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15 (2) Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of the
16 House of Representatives;
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18 (3) Two members to be appointed by the President of the
19 Senate;
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21 (4) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and
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23 (5) The Chief Information Officer; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Healthy
26 Workplace Working Group shall invite a representative from the
27 United States Green Building Council and a representative from
28 the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to
29 participate in the Working Group; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Healthy
32 Workplace Working Group may invite other interested parties to
33 participate in the Working Group; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Healthy
36 Workplace Working Group shall serve without compensation; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Workplace Working
39 Group is requested to submit a report of its findings and
40 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



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1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2020; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Comptroller, Director
6 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Chief Information Officer.

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