
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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1 WHEREAS, improving the health and development of state
2 workers is in the best interest of the State; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
6 2019, that the Comptroller is requested to convene a Healthy
7 Workplace Working Group to review and recommend improvements to
8 state facilities that will maximize the health and cognitive
9 functions of individuals working inside the facilities; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Workplace Working
12 Group shall consist of the following members or their designees:
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- 14 (1) The Comptroller, who shall serve as chair of the
15 Working Group;
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- 17 (2) Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of the
18 House of Representatives;
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- 20 (3) Two members to be appointed by the President of the
21 Senate; and
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- 23 (4) A member to be appointed by the chair of the Working
24 Group; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Healthy
27 Workplace Working Group shall invite a representative from the
28 United States Green Building Council and a representative from
29 the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to
30 participate in the Working Group; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Healthy
33 Workplace Working Group may invite other interested parties to
34 participate in the Working Group; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Healthy
37 Workplace Working Group shall serve without compensation; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Workplace Working
2 Group is requested to submit a report of its findings and
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the Regular Session of 2020; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Comptroller.

