



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

**H.C.R. NO. 193, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FOLLOW-UP  
STUDY TO ITS 2015 STUDY OF DEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERING SECTIONS  
THAT MANAGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Hearing: Monday, April 15, 2019, 10:55 a.m.

The Office of the Auditor has **no position** regarding H.C.R. No. 193, which requires our office to conduct a follow-up study to the *2015 Study of Departmental Engineering Sections That Manage Capital Improvement Projects* (Report No. 15-13). **However, we offer the following comments.**

H.C.R. No. 193 requires us to conduct a follow-up study of Report No. 15-13, including:

1. An examination of the various departmental engineering offices to ascertain whether the Auditor's recommendations have been implemented; and
2. A review of the implementation and effectiveness of the annual training conducted by the Comptroller in accordance with section 103-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to determine the effectiveness of the training and any improvements in the execution of capital improvement projects statewide that may have been created by the training.

While our office is capable of conducting a follow-up study to assess the implementation of our prior recommendations, we have concerns regarding the second item of work required by the study. We believe that it will be a challenge for us to “determine the effectiveness of the annual training and any improvements in the execution of capital improvement projects statewide that may have been created by the training.” Our audit staff is skilled in assessing a department or program’s performance, meaning we evaluate the department or program’s operations against appropriate criteria, such as relevant statutes, administrative rules, policies, procedures, and best practices. Given that different skills and expertise may be required to make determinations regarding the effectiveness of annual training, we respectfully request the second item required by the study be deleted.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.C.R. No. 193.