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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE GAPS IN THE TRACKING OF STUDIES, FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR STUDIES, AND SUBMISSION STATUS OF REPORTS.

1 WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2020, the Legislature
2 appropriated funds and required reports in one hundred Acts; and
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4 WHEREAS, of those one hundred required reports, thirteen
5 reports were not submitted; of those thirteen, ten reports were
6 funded and not delivered; and
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8 WHEREAS, Act 71, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, appropriated
9 \$30,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 and \$15,000 for fiscal year
10 2016-2017 to be expended by the Department of Health to report
11 to the Legislature on the status of the civil monetary penalty
12 special fund, which report has not been submitted to the
13 Legislature; and
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15 WHEREAS, Act 194, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, appropriated
16 \$2,000,000 out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii
17 for fiscal year 2016-2017 for positions and other operating
18 expenditures of the Roads Commission and for repair work,
19 including flood mitigation, installation of drainage
20 infrastructure, and road resurfacing; however, the Roads
21 Commission was never established, the appropriation lapsed, and
22 no report was submitted; and
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24 WHEREAS, Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, established
25 that the Legislative Reference Bureau shall develop a system to
26 track and monitor the submission of reports to the Legislature
27 by executive agencies and the Judiciary, and that the system
28 shall encompass all annual and other reports required by law to
29 be submitted to the Legislature, or requested by legislative
30 resolution; and



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 2 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Legislature began accepting reports
 3 filed electronically, yet the Legislative Reference Bureau
 4 cannot identify the status of pending reports, largely due to
 5 its manual filing system geared towards receiving and filing
 6 reports rather than tracking report status; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Finance also cannot
 9 ascertain the status of funded studies; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Office of Enterprise Technology Services
 12 developed a Capital Improvement Project Dashboard tracking
 13 system that tracks the amount of CIP funds encumbered and
 14 expended by department and by month, allowing citizens to see
 15 how the funds raised by bond issues are being spent, by whom,
 16 and when; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
 19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
 20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative
 21 Reference Bureau, Department of Budget and Finance, and Office
 22 of Enterprise Technology Services are requested to identify and
 23 eliminate gaps in the tracking of studies, funds appropriated
 24 for studies, and submission status of reports; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 27 Bureau, Department of Budget and Finance, and Office of
 28 Enterprise Technology Services are requested to submit a joint
 29 report of their findings, actions already undertaken, and
 30 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 31 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
 35 Legislative Reference Bureau, Director of Budget and Finance,
 36 and Chief Information Officer.
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