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# SENATE 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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32           WHEREAS, in 2018, the Legislature began accepting reports  
33 filed electronically, yet the Legislative Reference Bureau



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