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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPTROLLER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the COVID-19
2 pandemic has required many State employees to work from home or
3 other remote locations to maintain social distancing and prevent
4 the spread of the virus. However, the relocation of State
5 employees to non-traditional work environments has left an
6 indelible impression on the possibilities of how State work can
7 be accomplished.

8 The legislature has also determined that working from home
9 or other off-worksites locations has demonstrated the cost-
10 effectiveness and productivity of public services. Remote
11 teleworking can and should continue to remain an important
12 option for State employees who can accomplish their duties
13 outside of their traditional work environment. Social
14 distancing and decreasing employees' physical presence in State
15 facilities can continue to provide a defense against the spread
16 of infectious disease as well as enable more cost-efficient use
17 of State office facilities.



1 The legislature also finds that employees working off-site
2 enables the State to make better use of its limited resources,
3 including but not limited to office space, furnishing,
4 equipment, electrical and data requirements, storage space, and
5 other traditional needs of employees who work at state
6 facilities. State facilities can also be adjusted and
7 consolidated to accommodate workers from various State agencies
8 at single locations. Employees who can accomplish the same work
9 from an off-site location may prefer to work at home to
10 accommodate caregiving of keiki and kupuna. These
11 considerations can result in a win-win outcome for both
12 taxpayers and State employees.

13 The purpose of this Act is to add to the Comptroller's
14 State facilities management responsibilities the assessment of
15 and determination of office space requirements for tenants and
16 to coordinate the teleworking infrastructure to support State
17 agency tenants.

18 SECTION 2. Chapter 40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
19 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
20 read as follows:

21 "§40- Office Space. The comptroller shall:




- 1 (1) Assess and determine office space requirements for
- 2 state agencies;
- 3 (2) Initiate and cancel new leases upon determination of
- 4 agency requirements;
- 5 (3) Renegotiate existing leases; and
- 6 (4) Coordinate the infrastructure requirements that will
- 7 allow employees of state agencies to telework."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 1015

Report Title:

Comptroller; Office Space; Leases; Telework

Description:

Expands comptroller's duties to include assessment of state agency office space, including initiating, canceling, and renegotiating current and new leases.

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