
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 coronavirus
2 disease 2019 pandemic has required many state employees to work
3 from home or other remote locations to maintain social
4 distancing and prevent the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
5 However, the relocation of state employees to non-traditional
6 work environments has left an indelible impression on the
7 possibilities of how state work can 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 diseases 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 the 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, as part of the
14 comptroller's state facilities management responsibilities, the
15 assessment and determination of office space requirements,
16 authorization of space allocation, and determination of telework
17 infrastructure requirements for tenants in buildings managed by
18 the department of accounting and general services.

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



1 "§40- Office space management. (a) For state agencies
2 occupying space in facilities managed by the department of
3 accounting and general services or in non-state facilities, the
4 comptroller shall:

- 5 (1) Assess and determine office space requirements;
- 6 (2) Initiate or cancel leases upon the determination of
7 each agency's requirements;
- 8 (3) Renegotiate existing leases;
- 9 (4) Authorize office space allocation; and
- 10 (5) Determine infrastructure requirements to allow
11 employees to telework.

12 (b) The comptroller shall reduce the total square footage
13 of space leased by the State as of July 1, 2021, by ten per cent
14 no later than July 1, 2026.

15 (c) The comptroller shall submit a progress report on the
16 implementation of this section to the legislature no later than
17 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session
18 beginning in the regular session of 2022."

19 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Comptroller; DAGS; Office Space Management; Leases; Telework

Description:

Expands the comptroller's duties to include the assessment of office space, including initiating, canceling, and renegotiating current and new leases, office space allocation, and telework infrastructure requirements for agencies and employees occupying facilities managed by the department of accounting and general services or in non-state facilities. Requires the comptroller to reduce the total square footage of space leased by the State by ten percent no later than 7/1/2026. Requires reports to the legislature. (CD1)

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