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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO
CONDUCT A STATEWIDE PROGRAM AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE REVIEW,
PURSUANT TO SECTION 37-70, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, AND
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE IN EVERY ODD-NUMBERED YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, section 37-70, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
2 the Governor, in each odd-numbered year, to submit to the
3 Legislature a program memorandum covering each of the major
4 programs in the statewide program structure; and
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6 WHEREAS, each of these program memoranda is required to
7 include an overview of the program as a whole, a statement of
8 the major program changes recommended for the budget and
9 planning period, a discussion of emerging conditions, trends and
10 issues, and crucial data; and
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12 WHEREAS, the program memoranda are also required to provide
13 information on significant discrepancies between previously
14 planned cost and effectiveness levels and those actually
15 achieved, which would be valuable to assess whether there are
16 inefficiencies in a program that should be addressed; and
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18 WHEREAS, a program memorandum covering each of the major
19 programs in the statewide program structure has not been
20 submitted to the Legislature since 2007; and
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22 WHEREAS, it is critical to return to this required practice
23 in order to ensure statutory compliance and transparency; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Finance should
26 operate as efficiently as possible to make the best use of
27 government resources, personnel, and taxpayer dollars as it
28 works to achieve the policy goals enacted by the Legislature on
29 behalf of the people of Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, a statutory duty of the Department of Budget and
2 Finance is to conduct a systematic and continuous review of the
3 finances, organization, and methods of each department of the
4 State to assist each department in achieving the most effective
5 expenditure of all public funds and to determine that such
6 expenditures are in accordance with the budget laws and controls
7 in force; and

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9 WHEREAS, a biennium review conducted by the Department of
10 Budget and Finance will allow the Executive Branch and the
11 Legislature to determine the degree of statutory compliance on a
12 regular basis and better measure the efficacy of the policy
13 goals enacted by the Legislature; 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, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is urged
18 to enlist the Director of Finance to conduct a statewide program
19 and budget performance review, pursuant to section 37-70, Hawaii
20 Revised Statutes, and report to the Legislature beginning in
21 January 2023 and continuing in every odd-numbered year
22 thereafter; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to
25 instruct the Director of Finance to begin planning for the
26 January 2023 statewide program and budget performance review
27 immediately upon adoption of this Senate Concurrent Resolution;
28 and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
32 Director of Finance.

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OFFERED BY:



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