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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND ATTACHED AGENCIES TO TRAIN THEIR
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1 WHEREAS, there are over one hundred seventy state boards,
2 councils, authorities, committees, and commissions, hereinafter
3 collectively referred to as "boards and commissions", that are
4 established by the Constitution of Hawaii, state statutes, and
5 executive orders; and
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7 WHEREAS, these boards and commissions are appointed to give
8 citizens a voice in government and provide an opportunity for a
9 cross-section of the State's residents to offer vital input to
10 influence decisions that shape the quality of life for the
11 residents of Hawaii; and
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13 WHEREAS, the members of boards and commissions must quickly
14 become familiar with certain specific laws regarding open
15 meetings, open records, fiduciary duty, and other ethical
16 standards of conduct, in order to ensure the validity of their
17 actions; and
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19 WHEREAS, upon their appointment, members may not possess
20 knowledge of the mission roles, and responsibilities of their
21 board or commission under applicable laws; programs; processes
22 and procedures relevant to the work of the board or commission;
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25 WHEREAS, the departments and agencies that administratively
26 control or supervise these boards and commissions are the
27 appropriate entities to train and educate members of the board
28 or commission; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
32 that the heads of the departments and agencies that
33 administratively control or supervise a board or commission are
34 urged to provide training for all members of their boards and
35 commissions subject to 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the training provided should
2 cover the board or commission's mission, roles, and
3 responsibilities under applicable laws; programs; processes and
4 procedures relevant to the work of the board or commission; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments and attached
7 agencies should provide the training at least once per calendar
8 year; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each new member of a board or
11 commission should be required to complete the training prior to
12 receiving voting rights; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the heads of each
16 executive department of the state.
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OFFERED BY: _____

