
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUBMISSION DEADLINES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that state agencies are
2 required to submit hundreds of reports to the legislature each
3 year. Specifically, four hundred seventy-three recurring
4 reports are required pursuant to the Hawaii Revised Statutes,
5 and an additional thirty recurring reports are either required
6 by various session laws or requested by concurrent resolution.
7 However, the legislature notes that there is currently no
8 uniform deadline by which agencies must submit these reports.
9 There is no deadline specified in statute at all for certain
10 reports. The legislature believes that requesting the
11 administration to recommend a uniform submission deadline for
12 these reports will simplify the submission process and create a
13 consistent timeline for the preparation of reports by agencies
14 and facilitate the timely and thoughtful review of those reports
15 by the legislature.

16 The legislature further finds that the State, like many
17 employers, is facing an unprecedented worker shortage. As of



1 November 2022, the department of human resources development
2 reported nearly four thousand vacant civil service positions
3 throughout the state executive branch agencies within its
4 purview. Because the preparation of reports requires a
5 significant investment of time and resources by agencies, the
6 legislature believes that it is an ideal time to review the
7 necessity of statutorily required annual reports with a view to
8 streamline reporting requirements to allow for the more
9 efficient and effective use of state resources. The resources
10 saved through this process may be redirected to focus on core
11 agency functions, especially services that directly benefit
12 citizens of the State.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide for
14 increased government effectiveness and efficiency by requiring
15 the governor to review recommendations from each principal
16 department of the State regarding the required reports for each
17 department and submit a report to the legislature that:

18 (1) Recommends a uniform date by which statutorily
19 required reports shall be submitted to the
20 legislature;



- 1 (2) Identifies any reports that should not be subject to
- 2 this uniform submission deadline, and the reasons
- 3 therefor;
- 4 (3) Identifies any duplicative, obsolete, or extraneous
- 5 reporting requirements that should be repealed; and
- 6 (4) Includes proposed legislation to implement the
- 7 proposed uniform submission deadline and streamline
- 8 existing reporting requirements.

9 SECTION 2. (a) Each principal department of the State, in
10 consultation with its attached agencies, shall examine the
11 current statutory reporting requirements of the department and
12 its attached agencies and recommend:

- 13 (1) A uniform submission deadline by which the agency's
- 14 required reports shall be submitted to the
- 15 legislature;
- 16 (2) Any reports that the department determines should not
- 17 be subject to the uniform submission deadline pursuant
- 18 to paragraph (1), and the reasons therefor; and
- 19 (3) Proposed legislation to:
 - 20 (A) Implement the proposed uniform submission
 - 21 deadline;



- 1 (B) Implement alternate deadlines, if any, for
- 2 reports identified under paragraph (2);
- 3 (C) Repeal any duplicative, obsolete, or extraneous
- 4 reporting requirements; and
- 5 (D) Streamline reporting requirements to provide for
- 6 the efficient and effective use of state
- 7 resources through the consolidation of any
- 8 extraneous or duplicative reports.

9 (b) Each principal department shall submit its
10 recommendations to the governor no later than October 1, 2023.

11 (c) No later than November 1, 2023, the governor shall
12 submit a report to the legislature that includes:

13 (1) A recommended uniform submission deadline by which
14 required agency reports shall be submitted to the
15 legislature;

16 (2) Identification of any reports that the governor
17 determines should not be subject to the uniform
18 submission deadline pursuant to paragraph (1), and the
19 reasons therefor; and



1 (3) Proposed legislation, for which a separate bill shall
2 be submitted for each principal department and its
3 attached agencies, to:

4 (A) Implement the proposed uniform submission
5 deadline;

6 (B) Implement alternate deadlines, if any, for
7 reports identified under paragraph (2);

8 (C) Repeal any duplicative, obsolete, or extraneous
9 reporting requirements; and

10 (D) Streamline reporting requirements to provide for
11 the efficient and effective use of state
12 resources through the consolidation of any
13 extraneous or duplicative reports;

14 provided that the governor shall include the proposed
15 legislation required under this subsection as part of the
16 governor's legislative package that is to be submitted to the
17 presiding officers of each chamber of the legislature for the
18 regular session of 2024.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

Reports to Legislature; Governor; Principal Departments;
Deadline; Streamlining; Consolidation

Description:

Requires the Governor and state agencies to recommend a date by which statutorily required reports must be submitted to the Legislature, and to identify any reports that should not be subject to that uniform date and the reasons therefor. Requires the Governor to propose legislation to implement the proposed deadline and streamline existing reporting requirements by repealing or consolidating any duplicative, obsolete, or extraneous reports. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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