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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS.

1 WHEREAS, Article XVI Section 3.5, The Constitution of the
2 State of Hawaii ("Constitution") creates a Salary Commission
3 ("Commission") to review and recommend salaries for the governor,
4 the lieutenant governor, department heads of the executive
5 departments, members of the legislature, justices and judges of
6 all state courts; and
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8 WHEREAS, under the Constitution, the Commission is required
9 to make a decision by the fortieth legislative day of the 2007
10 regular session and every six years thereafter and shall submit
11 its recommendations to the legislature; and
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13 WHEREAS, since 2006, the Commission has met, and submitted
14 recommendations to the legislature in 2007, 2013, and 2019
15 respectively; and
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17 WHEREAS, Section 26-56, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended
18 provides further guidance on the recommendations of the
19 Commission; and
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21 WHEREAS, the salaries recommended by the Commission shall
22 become effective on July 1 of the next fiscal year unless
23 disapproved by the legislature by adoption of a concurrent
24 resolution approved by a simple majority in each house of the
25 legislature prior to adjournment sine die of the legislative
26 session in which the recommended salaries are submitted; and
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28 WHEREAS, if the Commission's recommendations are
29 disapproved by the legislature, the commission shall reconvene
30 in November next following the legislature's disapproval to
31 review the reasons for disapproving its salary recommendations;
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1 WHEREAS, the Commission, if reconvened after a disapproval
2 of their recommendations, may submit a report of its findings
3 and submit a new salary recommendation to the legislature at the
4 next regular session; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Commission's reconvening following a
7 legislative disapproval shall not toll the six-year cycle; and

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9 WHEREAS, the 2025 Commission on Salaries issued its Report
10 and Recommendations to the 2025 Legislature on March 4, 2025 to
11 increase the salaries and adjust the salary schedules for
12 certain State officials; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State Legislature wishes to express its
15 appreciation for the work of the 2025 Commission on Salaries,
16 but concludes that the salary increases and salary adjustments
17 recommended by the 2025 Commission on Salaries are excessive in
18 light of current economic conditions in the State of Hawaii and
19 should be rejected; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, by a simple majority of its
24 entire membership, disapproves the recommendation of the 2025
25 Commission on Salaries and the salary and salary schedule
26 increases recommended therein; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission shall reconvene
29 no later than November 2025 to review the reasons for the
30 legislatures disapproval, submit a report of its findings, and
31 submit a new salary recommendation to the legislature in the
32 2026 legislative session; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the
36 Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief
37 Justice of the Judiciary, The Senate President, The Speaker of
38 the House, and the Chair of the 2025 Commission on Salaries.

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