## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES.

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

| 1  | SECT  | ION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended |  |
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| 2  | by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to |  |  |
| 3  | read as follows:  |  |  |
| 4  | " <u>§46</u>  | - Indemnification of counties. (a) A state agency      |  |
| 5  | may enter   | into an indemnity agreement with a county. An          |  |
| 6  | indemnity agreement between a state agency and a county may   |  |  |
| 7  | provide that the State:                                       |  |  |
| 8  | (1)   | Defend the county and its officers and employees from  |  |
| 9  |   | claims made by public users; or                        |  |
| 10 | (2)   | Indemnify the county and its officers and employees    |  |
| 11 |   | for losses incurred as a direct result of the public   |  |
| 12 |   | use.   |  |
| 13 | (b)   | In order to receive county assistance, services,       |  |
| 14 | rights, or permission to use county property, or to provide   |  |  |
| 15 | services or otherwise act as a vendor to county agencies, a   |  |  |
| 16 | state agency shall agree in writing to an indemnity provision |  |  |
| 17 | to:   |  |  |

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| 5  |            | use.  |
| 6  | <u>(c)</u> | Except as otherwise provided by law, an indemnity       |
| 7  | provision  | not in strict compliance with this section shall not    |
| 8  | give rise  | to a claim against the State under chapter 661 or       |
| 9  | otherwise  | waive the State's sovereign immunity."                  |
| 10 | SECT       | ION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  |
| 11 | matured, p | penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were |
| 12 | begun befo | ore its effective date.                                 |
| 13 | SECT       | ION 3. New statutory material is underscored.           |
| 14 | SECT       | ION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.    |
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## Report Title:

State Indemnification; County Assistance

## Description:

Requires a state agency to indemnify a county to receive from the county any assistance, services, rights, or permission to use county property.

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