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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE INFORMATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the constitutionally  
2 granted executive powers of the governor may be implemented  
3 through executive orders. The governor may also issue formal  
4 public announcements known as proclamations and make interim  
5 appointments to fill vacancies in various state agencies,  
6 boards, and commissions.

7           The legislature further finds that that members of the  
8 public, as well as members of the legislature, take great  
9 interest in certain executive orders, gubernatorial  
10 proclamations, and interim appointments. The public has a right  
11 to know about these executive actions, and access to this  
12 information would promote greater awareness of government  
13 activities and assist in the shaping of future public policy.

14           Presently, the state information service, which was  
15 established in the office of the governor pursuant to chapter  
16 27C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is responsible for seeking and  
17 implementing more effective means of publicizing public notices



1 and other announcements that should receive timely and wide  
2 dissemination. The legislature further finds that executive  
3 orders, gubernatorial proclamations, and interim appointments  
4 are public information and should be disseminated to the public  
5 in a timely manner.

6 The purpose of this Act is to require the state information  
7 service to collect all executive orders, proclamations, and  
8 interim appointments and provide notice to the public within  
9 five days of their issuance.

10 SECTION 2. Section 27C-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) The functions of the state information service shall  
13 include [~~the following~~]:

14 (1) Communication to the public of information concerning  
15 the functions of government, the services it renders  
16 through the departments and agencies, and the status  
17 of various important programs and projects which  
18 affect the quality of life of the community[~~-~~];

19 (2) Making direct response to queries, whether by  
20 telephone, correspondence, or meetings, from persons  
21 desiring information or assistance; and assisting in  
22 channeling requests, queries, and recommendations from



- 1 the public to appropriate public offices and referring  
2 nongovernmental related matters to the appropriate  
3 private offices[-]; and providing methods to encourage  
4 timely and adequate response to [~~such~~] queries[-];
- 5 (3) Assessing the effectiveness of existing informational  
6 services by providing feedback, coordinating  
7 information programs, and recommending innovative  
8 communication techniques[-];
- 9 (4) Seeking and implementing more effective means of  
10 publicizing public notices and other announcements  
11 [~~which~~], such as executive orders, gubernatorial  
12 proclamations, and interim appointments that should  
13 receive timely and wide dissemination[-];
- 14 (5) Identification of specific community informational  
15 needs and provision of special information services to  
16 meet [~~such~~] these needs[-];
- 17 (6) Devising information and exchange programs for  
18 elective and appointive government officers to help  
19 increase their awareness and understanding of the  
20 community and its needs[-]; and
- 21 (7) Collecting all executive orders, proclamations, and  
22 interim appointments in hard copy for public review



1           and providing notice of their issuance to the public  
2           within five days of their issuance by:

3           (A) Posting notice on the executive website; and

4           (B) Sending notice to the clerk of each house of the  
5           legislature."

6           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



**Report Title:**

Executive; Notice of Executive Orders

**Description:**

Requires the state information service to collect all executive orders, proclamations, and interim appointments and provide notice of their issuance to the public within five days.

