#### THE SENATE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009 STATE OF HAWAII

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS AND PROCEDURES.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2	by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follows:
4	"PART . HEARINGS ON REPORTS
5	<b>§21- Procedures for consideration of reports.</b> (a)
6	Reports to the legislature of studies and audits conducted by:
7	(1) The executive departments and agencies, including the
8	Hawaii health systems corporation;
9	(2) The auditor;
10	(3) The judiciary;
11	(3) The legislative reference bureau; or
12	(4) The office of Hawaiian affairs,
13	that are requested by a concurrent resolution adopted by the
14	legislature or required by law, including budget measures, shall
15	be submitted, at a minimum, to the clerk of each house, to the
16	president of the senate and speaker of the house of
17	representatives, the chair of the applicable subject matter

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committee of each chamber, and the legislative reference bureau
 library. Submission of reports under this subsection shall also
 comply with the requirements of section 93-16.

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The respective chairs of the committees to whom a 4 (b) 5 report is submitted under subsection (a) shall conduct a public 6 hearing or informational briefing on the report during the 7 legislative session or during the legislative interim in which 8 the report is submitted within one year of receipt. Waivers for 9 a public hearing or briefing may be granted by the president of 10 the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, as 11 appropriate; provided that the reasons for granting any waiver 12 shall be posted on the legislature's website and publicly 13 noticed at the capitol.

14 §21- Applicability; reports excluded. This part shall 15 not apply to annual reports or reports of a routine nature such 16 as those prepared by executive departments, boards, or agencies; 17 provided that the chair of any committee of the legislature 18 shall not be precluded from holding a public hearing or 19 informational briefing on a report."

20 SECTION 2. Chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
21 by designating sections 21-1 to 21-19 as follows:

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## "PART I. INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES"



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1 SECTION 3. Section 21-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "§21-1 Purpose. The purpose of this [chapter] part is to 4 establish procedures governing legislative investigating 5 committees to provide for the creation and operation of 6 legislative investigating committees in a manner [which] that 7 · will enable them to perform properly the powers and duties 8 vested in them, including the conduct of hearings, in a fair and 9 impartial manner, consistent with protection of the 10 constitutional rights of persons called to testify at such 11 hearings and preservation of the public good." 12 SECTION 4. Section 21-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 amended to read as follows: 14 "**§21-2 Definitions.** As used in this [chapter:] part: 15 "Hearing" means any meeting in the course of an 16 investigatory proceeding, other than a preliminary conference or 17 interview at which no testimony is taken under oath, conducted 18 by an investigating committee for the purpose of taking 19 testimony or receiving other evidence. A hearing may be open to 20 the public or closed to the public.

21 "Investigating committee" means any of the following
22 [which] that are authorized to compel the attendance and



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1 testimony of witnesses or the production of books, records, 2 papers, and documents for the purpose of securing information on 3 a specific subject for the use of the legislature: 4 (1)A standing or special or select committee or committee 5 of the whole of either house of the legislature; 6 (2) A joint committee of both houses; 7 (3) An authorized subcommittee of a legislative committee; 8 and 9 Any body created by law, the members of which may (4) 10 include nonlegislators. 11 "Public hearing" means any hearing open to the public, or 12 the proceedings of which are made available to the public." 13 SECTION 5. Section 21-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 14 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows: 15 "(a) A person guilty of contempt under this [chapter] part 16 shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 17 one year, or both. 18 If any investigating committee fails in any material (b) 19 respect to comply with the requirements of this [chapter,] part, 20 any person subject to a subpoena or a subpoena duces tecum who 21 is injured by the failure shall be relieved of any requirement 22 to attend the hearing for which the subpoena was issued or, if 2010-1996 SB1105 CD1 SMA.doc

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1 present, to testify or produce evidence therein; and the failure 2 shall be a complete defense in any proceeding against the person 3 for contempt or other punishment." 4 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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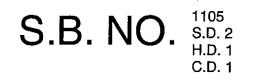
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6 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Legislative Hearings; Studies and Reports

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#### Description:

Requires any report of a study or an audit made by an executive department or agency, including the Hawaii health systems corporation, and by the legislative reference bureau, auditor, judiciary, or office of Hawaiian affairs, to be submitted to the clerk of each house, senate president, speaker of the house, chairs of the appropriate subject matter committee of each house, and the legislative reference bureau library. Requires a public hearing or informational briefing, except if waived by the senate president or speaker of the house of representatives. Excludes certain routine reports. (CD1)

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