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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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

1	SECT	ION 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	
5	LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES	
6	"§21	- Legislative sessions; introduction of bills. (a)
7	The first	year of a legislative biennium shall be limited to the
8	introduction and consideration of bills to amend, repeal, or	
9	enact statutes; provided that bills may carry over to the next	
10	regular s	ession as provided by law.
11	(b)	The second year of a legislative biennium shall be
12	limited to:	
13	(1)	The introduction and consideration of bills of a
14		fiscal nature, emergency measures, and constitutional
15		amendments;
16	(2)	The consideration of bills, carried over from the
17		immediately preceding year; and

1 (3) The consideration of bills repealing or amending 2 existing laws that are obsolete, redundant, 3 conflicting, or ineffective; provided that the 4 legislative reference bureau shall submit a report to 5 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 6 convening of the regular session in the second year of each biennium to suggest possible statutory repeals or 7 8 amendments for purposes of this paragraph; provided 9 further that the executive departments, administrative 10 offices, and agencies of the State shall assist the 11 legislative reference bureau for purposes of the 12 report to the legislature; and provided further that, 13 with regard to ineffective laws, if an existing law is 14 determined to be ineffective by an executive 15 department, administrative office, or agency of the 16 State, the legislative reference bureau shall report 17 on that determination without need for further study 18 or analysis, unless the legislative reference bureau disagrees with the determination." 19 20 SECTION 2. Chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended 21 by designating sections 21-1 to 21-19 as follows:

"PART I. INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES"



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S.B. NO. 409

1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Legislative Procedures; Legislative Biennium; Bills

Description:

Restricts the introduction of bills proposing statutory amendments and new laws to the first year of each fiscal biennium. Reserves the second year of each fiscal biennium for introduction of fiscal measures, emergency measures, and constitutional amendments. Also requires the legislature in the second year to review existing statutes and session laws for possible repeal or amendment.