HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE CURRENT LAW AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF VACATION CREDITS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES THAT TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT IN THE SAME JURISDICTION OR TO ANOTHER JURISDICTION.

WHEREAS, Section 78-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, contains 1 2 provisions relating to leaves of absence for public employees; 3 and 4 5 WHEREAS, currently, when a public employee is transferred from one department to another within the same jurisdiction or 6 to another jurisdiction of the State, the employee must be given 7 credit for vacation earned or accumulated in the department from 8 which the employee transferred and the Director of Finance, or 9 10 equivalent officer, is required to transfer the appropriate amount of funds to effect the employee transfer; and 11 12 WHEREAS, if the state agency from which the employee 13 transferred is financed by the general fund, the amount 14 15 representing vacation earned is transferred to the general fund, rather than the agency receiving the employee; and 16 17 18 WHEREAS, this process results in problems for the agencies involved in the transfer; and 19 20 WHEREAS, the agency from which the public employee 21 transferred incurs substantial costs to cover the vacation 22 credits; and 23 24 WHEREAS, in cases where the receiving state agency is 25 26 financed by the general fund, the transferred funds are not 27 credited to that agency and, instead, are transferred to the general fund; and 28 WHEREAS, questions have arisen as to the rationale for this 29

procedure, and whether a more equitable process is available

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1 with respect to the disposition of vacation credits; now, 2 therefore, 3 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 4 5 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to 6 conduct a study on the current law and procedures relating to 7 the disposition of vacation credits for public employees that 8 9 transfer from one department to another in the same jurisdiction 10 or transfer to another jurisdiction; and 11 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau assess and determine the rationale for, and soundness of, 13 the current law and procedures, and to offer viable 14 alternatives; and 15 16 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and 18 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days 19 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and 20 21 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. 24 25 26 Calvin & 27 OFFERED BY:

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