## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AUDITOR.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the heads of
- 2 legislative service agencies have experienced a recent salary
- 3 decrease (as have legislators, the governor, lieutenant
- 4 governor, department directors, deputy department directors,
- 5 justices, and judges). The auditor's salary, however, has not
- 6 been similarly reduced because of the provision amended by this
- 7 Act. The legislature finds that the auditor's salary should be
- 8 subject to the same provisions as other legislative service
- 9 agency heads.
- 10 The purpose of this Act is to allow the diminishment of the
- 11 auditor's salary during the auditor's term of office by general
- 12 law applicable to all salaried officers of the State. This Act
- 13 makes the auditor's salary diminishment provision the same as
- 14 that for the legislative reference bureau director and the
- 15 ombudsman. Both, like the auditor, head legislative service
- 16 agencies.
- 17 SECTION 2. Section 23-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:

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- 1 "\$23-3 Salary of the auditor and appropriations. [The
- 2 salary of the auditor shall be fixed by the legislature and
- 3 shall not be diminished during the auditor's term of office.
- 4 (a) Effective July 1, 2005, the salary of the auditor shall be
- 5 the same as the salary of the director of health.
- 6 The salary of the auditor shall not be diminished during
- 7 the auditor's term of office, unless by general law applying to
- 8 all salaried officers of the State.
- 9 (b) The funds for the support of the auditor's office
- 10 shall be provided for in the act providing for the expenses of
- 11 the legislature."
- 12 SECTION 3. The salary of the auditor serving on the
- 13 effective date of this Act shall not be diminished during the
- 14 remainder of the auditor's term of office unless by general law
- 15 applicable to all salaried officers of the State that is enacted
- 16 on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 17 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Auditor; Salary

## Description:

Allows the diminishment of the auditor's salary during the auditor's term of office by general law applicable to all salaried officers. (SD1)

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