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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF FINANCE OF THE COUNTIES OF HAWAII, MAUI, AND KAUAI ELIMINATE THE PAYROLL LAG DELAYING THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE INITIAL PAYCHECK FOR ALL TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE AND COUNTIES RESPECTIVELY.

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WHEREAS, the fair and proper treatment of all state and county employees is essential for hiring a quality workforce that can administer services to the public; and

WHEREAS, treating state and county employees fairly includes not only paying those employees fair wages, but ensuring that those employees are paid in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, under existing state and county policies and procedures, newly hired employees are subject to a payroll lag that delays receipt of their initial paychecks for a period of time ranging in duration from two weeks to a month; and

WHEREAS, the existing payroll lag creates an unnecessary and undue hardship on newly hired employees; and

WHEREAS, the existing payroll lag means that temporary and emergency hires will complete a significant percentage of their work period, and in some cases their entire work period, before ever receiving a paycheck; and

WHEREAS, temporary and emergency employees are particularly vulnerable and sensitive to unnecessary delays in the receipt of pay and should therefore not be subject to any such delays; and

 WHEREAS, while eliminating the payroll lag for temporary and emergency employees may have some negative budget implications for the State and counties, that is not sufficient

reason to continue allowing an unreasonable delay in the disbursement of wages to those employees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services for the City and County of Honolulu, and the Departments of Finance for the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai are requested to eliminate the payroll lag delaying the disbursement of the initial paycheck for all temporary and emergency employees of the State and county respectively such that those employees do not have to wait an additional pay period to receive their first paycheck; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to State Comptroller, Director of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of Finance of the County of Hawaii, Director of Finance of the County of Kauai, and Director of Finance of the County of Maui.

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