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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO IMPROVING THE STATE'S HIRING PROCESSES.

WHEREAS, Hawaii's unemployment rate is two percent, the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, due to the low unemployment rate in Hawaii, executive agencies are experiencing difficulties attracting qualified applicants and retaining experienced employees; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of employees is particularly significant at the mid-management level due to numerous retirements; and

WHEREAS, requiring executive agencies to follow the various procedures required by the Department of Human Resources Development to inform the public of state job opportunities has hindered their ability to quickly fill vacant positions; 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 Director of Finance is requested to establish a working group to identify barriers to improving the State's hiring processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall comprise the following members:

- (1) The Director of Finance who shall serve as chair;
- (2) The Director of Human Resources Development;
- (3) The Superintendent of Education;
- (4) The President of the University of Hawaii; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance shall

The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance shall invite individuals representing the following organizations to become members of the working group:

- (1) Society for Human Resource Management Hawaii Chapter; and
- (2) Hawaii Government Employees Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is also requested to analyze:

- (1) Whether combining the Department of Human Resources
 Development with the Department of Budget and Finance
 would improve the State's hiring processes and produce
 cost savings; and
- (2) The feasibility of authorizing any executive agency to proceed with direct hiring for any positions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Finance; Director of Human Resources Development; Chairperson of the Board of Education; President of the University of Hawaii; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; President of the Society for Human Resource Management Hawaii Chapter; and Executive Director of the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

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