

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 109, Session
- 2 Laws of Hawaii 2018, (Act 109) directed the legislative
- 3 reference bureau to conduct a sunrise analysis to impart the
- 4 legislative intent that the State must understand the impacts of
- 5 the establishment of a paid family leave program on industry,
- 6 consumers, employees, employers, and care givers prior to
- 7 choosing a model or framework that will work best for Hawaii's
- 8 workforce. The intent of Act 109 was to lay the groundwork for
- 9 the establishment of a paid family leave framework that will
- 10 enable all employees to access leave benefits during times when
- 11 they need to provide care for a family member. Act 109 also
- 12 authorized the legislative reference bureau to contract the
- 13 services of a consultant without regard to chapter 103D, Hawaii
- 14 Revised Statutes, and required the bureau to submit a report on
- 15 its findings and recommendations to the legislature by
- 16 September 1, 2019.

Upon the enactment of Act 109, the legislative reference 1 bureau proceeded to implement this legislative directive and 2 subsequently crafted and issued a request for proposals to 3 conduct the analysis. After the bid submission deadline 4 occurred, the legislative reference bureau determined that, to 5 ensure that any work product produced by contractor include 6 direct consultation with potentially affected state agencies and 7 that the contracted work product be unbiased, it was in the best 8 interest of the State to cancel the original request for 9 proposals and to issue a new, amended request for proposals. 10 The new request for proposals includes a specific requirement 11 that the selected contractor directly consult with potentially 12 affected state agencies, and that if the contractor employs or 13 subcontracts any portion of the analysis to a person or entity 14 that has a vested interest in the recommendations or outcome of 15 the analysis, an explanation be provided on how any appearance 16 of actual or perceived bias would be mitigated by the 17 18 contractor. Due to the cancelation of the original request for 19 proposals and reissuance of an amended request for proposals, 20 the legislative reference bureau believes it will be extremely 21

- 1 difficult, given the remaining timeframe and the bureau's
- 2 workload during session, for the bureau to sufficiently evaluate
- 3 and execute a contract for the analysis and provide a selected
- 4 contractor with adequate time to conduct a thorough analysis by
- 5 the September 1, 2019 submission deadline. Consequently, the
- 6 legislative reference bureau finds that, in order to ensure that
- 7 the bureau and any selected contractor are provided with
- 8 adequate time to produce a thorough and unbiased analysis as
- 9 contemplated under Act 109, additional time is required for the
- 10 bureau to complete the task assigned to it under Act 109.
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to extend the report submission
- 12 deadline established under Act 109, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018,
- 13 from September 1, 2019, to no later than December 13, 2019.
- 14 SECTION 2. Act 109, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018,
- 15 section 2, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as
- 16 follows:
- 17 "(b) The legislative reference bureau shall submit a
- 18 report of its findings and recommendations, including proposed
- 19 legislation, to the legislature no later than [September 1;
- 20 2019.] December 13, 2019."

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3	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
2	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
1	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

Report Title:

Family Leave; LRB; Sunrise Analysis; Report; Report Submission

Description:

Extends the deadline for the Legislative Reference Bureau to submit the sunrise analysis required by Act 109, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, from 9/1/2019, to 12/13/2019.

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