THE SENATE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 308

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE.

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

1 The legislature finds that Act 109, Session SECTION 1. 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.



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

19 Due to the cancelation of the original request for
20 proposals and reissuance of an amended request for proposals,
21 the legislative reference bureau believes it will be extremely



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difficult, given the remaining timeframe and the bureau's 1 workload during session, for the bureau to sufficiently evaluate 2 3 and execute a contract for the analysis and provide a selected contractor with adequate time to conduct a thorough analysis by 4 the September 1, 2019 submission deadline. Consequently, the 5 6 legislative reference bureau finds that, in order to ensure that the bureau and any selected contractor are provided with 7 adequate time to produce a thorough and unbiased analysis as 8 contemplated under Act 109, additional time is required for the 9 bureau to complete the task assigned to it under Act 109. 10

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."



SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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By Request



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Report Title:

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

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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