
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PREAUDIT PAYMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the government would
2 be able to provide services more effectively, efficiently, and
3 expeditiously by updating the preaudit process for proposed
4 payments to meet the demands of the public. Currently, the
5 comptroller is required to preaudit all proposed payments of
6 \$10,000 or more to determine the propriety of the expenditures
7 and its compliance with the operative and relevant executive
8 orders and rules.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to temporarily
10 amend the powers and duties of the comptroller to reduce the
11 preaudit requirements of all proposed payments to expenditures
12 by:

- 13 (1) Amending the minimum dollar amount of payments to be
14 preaudited; and
- 15 (2) Allowing, rather than requiring, the comptroller to
16 preaudit proposed payments of expenditures below the
17 threshold amount.



1 SECTION 2. Section 40-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
3 "(b) With respect to the executive branch, except the
4 University of Hawaii and the department of education, the
5 comptroller shall have complete supervision of all accounts.
6 The comptroller may preaudit all proposed payments less than
7 \$100,000 to determine the propriety of expenditures and
8 compliance with executive orders and rules that may be in
9 effect. The comptroller shall preaudit all proposed payments of
10 [~~\$10,000~~] \$100,000 or more to determine the propriety of
11 expenditures and compliance with executive orders and rules that
12 may be in effect. When necessary, the comptroller shall
13 withhold approval of any payment. Whenever approval is
14 withheld, the department or agency concerned shall be promptly
15 notified. With respect to the University of Hawaii and the
16 department of education, the comptroller shall issue warrants
17 for the release of funds for the operating costs of the
18 university or the department of education, as applicable, in
19 amounts and at times mutually agreed upon by the governor or
20 director of finance and the university or department of
21 education, as applicable; provided that:



1 (1) The amounts released shall not exceed the allotment
2 ceilings for the respective funding sources of the
3 university's or the department of education's
4 appropriations established by the governor for an
5 allotment period pursuant to section 37-34; and

6 (2) The comptroller may issue warrants as an advance from
7 the state treasury to the University of Hawaii and the
8 department of education to establish a checking
9 account and provide working capital in amounts and at
10 times mutually agreed upon by the governor or director
11 of finance and the University of Hawaii and the
12 department of education.

13 The University of Hawaii and the department of education shall
14 preaudit all proposed payments of \$10,000 or more and shall
15 preaudit samples of the population of proposed payments of less
16 than \$10,000; provided that the sample size comprises at least
17 five per cent of the population, and is of a size that the chief
18 financial officers of the University of Hawaii and the
19 department of education, as applicable, determine appropriate,
20 to determine the propriety of expenditures and compliance with
21 applicable laws, executive orders, and rules. The University of



1 Hawaii and the department of education shall make disbursements
2 for operating expenses from the amounts released by the
3 comptroller and maintain records and documents necessary to
4 support those disbursements at times mutually agreed upon by the
5 university president or the superintendent of education, as
6 applicable, and the comptroller; provided that when requested by
7 the university or the department of education, the comptroller
8 shall make all disbursements for the university or the
9 department of education, as applicable, subject to available
10 allotment. Funds released pursuant to this section shall be
11 deposited by the university or the department of education, as
12 applicable, in accordance with the provisions applicable to the
13 director of finance by chapter 38. Any interest earned on the
14 deposit of funds released pursuant to this section shall be
15 deposited in the state treasury at the end of each fiscal year."

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

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021, and
19 shall be repealed on July 1, 2024; provided that
20 section 40-1(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in



- 1 the form in which it read on the day before the effective date
- 2 of this Act.



Report Title:

Comptroller; Powers and Duties; Preaudit

Description:

Amends the minimum dollar amount of payments required to be preaudited. Allows, rather than requires, the comptroller to preaudit all proposed payments of expenditures under the threshold dollar amount. Sunsets 7/1/2024. Effective 7/1/2021.
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