



GOV. MSG. NO. 1347

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 6, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 6, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1015 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE COMPTROLLER.  
**ACT 219 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

On JUL 06 2021

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 219  
S.B. NO.

1015  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPTROLLER.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus  
2 disease 2019 pandemic has required many state employees to work  
3 from home or other remote locations to maintain social  
4 distancing and prevent the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.  
5 However, the relocation of state employees to non-traditional  
6 work environments has left an indelible impression on the  
7 possibilities of how state work can be accomplished.

8           The legislature has also determined that working from home  
9 or other off-worksites locations has demonstrated the cost-  
10 effectiveness and productivity of public services. Remote  
11 teleworking can and should continue to remain an important  
12 option for state employees who can accomplish their duties  
13 outside of their traditional work environment. Social  
14 distancing and decreasing employees' physical presence in state  
15 facilities can continue to provide a defense against the spread  
16 of infectious diseases as well as enable more cost-efficient use  
17 of state office facilities.



1           The legislature also finds that employees working off-site  
2 enables the State to make better use of its limited resources,  
3 including but not limited to office space, furnishing,  
4 equipment, electrical and data requirements, storage space, and  
5 other traditional needs of employees who work at state  
6 facilities. State facilities can also be adjusted and  
7 consolidated to accommodate workers from various state agencies  
8 at single locations. Employees who can accomplish the same work  
9 from an off-site location may prefer to work at home to  
10 accommodate the caregiving of keiki and kupuna. These  
11 considerations can result in a win-win outcome for both  
12 taxpayers and state employees.

13           The purpose of this Act is to add, as part of the  
14 comptroller's state facilities management responsibilities, the  
15 assessment and determination of office space requirements,  
16 authorization of space allocation, and determination of telework  
17 infrastructure requirements for tenants in buildings managed by  
18 the department of accounting and general services.

19           SECTION 2. Chapter 40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
20 by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated  
21 and to read as follows:



1        "§40- Office space management. (a) For state agencies  
2 occupying space in facilities managed by the department of  
3 accounting and general services or in non-state facilities, the  
4 comptroller shall:

- 5        (1) Assess and determine office space requirements;  
6        (2) Initiate or cancel leases upon the determination of  
7        each agency's requirements;  
8        (3) Renegotiate existing leases;  
9        (4) Authorize office space allocation; and  
10       (5) Determine infrastructure requirements to allow  
11       employees to telework.

12       (b) The comptroller shall reduce the total square footage  
13 of space leased by the State as of July 1, 2021, by ten per cent  
14 no later than July 1, 2026.

15       (c) The comptroller shall submit a progress report on the  
16 implementation of this section to the legislature no later than  
17 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session  
18 beginning in the regular session of 2022."

19       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

S.B. NO. 1015  
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C.D. 1

APPROVED this 06 day of JUL, 2021

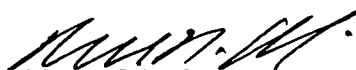
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David I. Ige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1015, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives