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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to  
2 modernize state government to reflect the current generation of  
3 Hawaii residents, as recent studies have shown a lack of public  
4 support for government in the State. Furthermore, the current  
5 structure of government presents challenges to effective and  
6 efficient governing at all levels. The legislature also finds  
7 that the needs of society have changed drastically, with greater  
8 emphasis on modernization, transparency, and accountability, and  
9 that these needs should be reflected in the functions and  
10 services provided by state government.

11           The purpose of this Act is to establish the state  
12 government realignment commission to periodically review the  
13 state executive branch's departments, divisions, and agencies,  
14 including functions and services, and submit its findings and  
15 recommendations to the legislature.



1 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new chapter to title 4 to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 STATE GOVERNMENT REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

6 § -1 Establishment of the commission. (a) There is  
7 established a state government realignment commission,  
8 hereinafter called the commission, which shall be placed within  
9 the department of accounting and general services for  
10 administrative purposes. The commission shall consist of seven  
11 members. Three members shall be appointed by the governor, two  
12 members by the president of the senate, and two members by the  
13 speaker of the house of representatives. All members shall be  
14 subject to the advice and consent of the senate. The commission  
15 shall elect its chairperson from among its members.

16 (b) The members of the commission shall receive no  
17 compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for  
18 actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

19 (c) To perform its duties, the commission may engage  
20 employees without regard to chapter 76 and enter into contracts  
21 with consultants. Departments of the state government shall



1 make available to the commission any data and facilities that  
2 are necessary for the commission to perform its duties.

3       **§ -2 Term.** A commission shall be appointed and  
4 confirmed on or before July 1, 2022, and a new commission shall  
5 be appointed and confirmed on or before July 1 every ten years  
6 thereafter; provided that if any vacancy occurs in the  
7 membership of a commission prior to the completion of its duties  
8 or dissolution, there shall be appointed a replacement member in  
9 accordance with sections -1 and 26-34. The commission shall  
10 meet as necessary to execute its duties. The commission shall  
11 dissolve upon the adjournment sine die of the legislature to  
12 which it submits the evaluation and recommendations required by  
13 section -3.

14       **§ -3 Duties.** The commission shall conduct a systematic  
15 review of the state executive branch's departments, divisions,  
16 and agencies, including functions and services, that uses  
17 standards such as equity, efficiency, and modernization to  
18 consolidate, expand, or reassign services. Thirty days prior to  
19 the convening of the third regular session of the legislature  
20 after the members of the commission have been appointed, the  
21 commission shall submit to the legislature the findings of its



1 systemic review of the state executive branch and any  
2 recommendations based on the findings; provided that the  
3 legislature shall review and take into consideration the  
4 commission's findings and recommendations."

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

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INTRODUCED BY: *Tune-utzel*



# S.B. NO. 246

**Report Title:**

State Government Realignment Commission; Departments; Divisions; Agencies

**Description:**

Establishes a state government realignment commission to periodically review the state executive branch's departments, divisions, and agencies, including functions and services, and submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

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