
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED SUBMISSIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that legislative staff
2 spend weeks at the start of each legislative session
3 transcribing the proposed budgets of the executive branch,
4 judiciary branch, and office of Hawaiian affairs into a form
5 that is presentable to the public. This transcription may lead
6 to clerical, typographical, or other errors that obfuscate the
7 budgetary intentions. This process also consumes critical time
8 that could be better spent analyzing and contextualizing each
9 request in the proposed budget.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide the
11 legislature with the authority to prescribe the forms of budget
12 requests for the executive branch, judiciary branch, and office
13 of Hawaiian affairs, similar to the authority provided to the
14 legislature by section 248-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
15 prescribe the form of county budget requests.

16 SECTION 2. Section 10-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The budget, six-year program and financial plan, and
2 the variance report of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall be
3 submitted by the board to the legislature and to each member
4 thereof in accordance with the budget submission schedule
5 specified for the governor in chapter 37 and shall contain the
6 program information specified in that chapter that is applicable
7 to the office of Hawaiian affairs[-] in a form prescribed by the
8 legislature. Not less than twenty days prior to the convening
9 of each regular session of the legislature, the office of
10 Hawaiian affairs shall submit to the legislature an accounting
11 of the expenditures made in the prior fiscal year, by account
12 code and budget program. By November 1 of each year preceding a
13 legislative session in which a budget is to be submitted, the
14 board shall provide written notification to the governor of the
15 proposed total expenditures, by cost categories and sources of
16 funding, and estimated revenues of the office of Hawaiian
17 affairs for each fiscal year of the next fiscal biennium."

18 SECTION 3. Section 37-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

20 "(a) Not fewer than thirty days before the legislature
21 convenes in every odd-numbered year, the governor shall submit



1 to the legislature and to each member thereof a budget that
2 shall contain the program and budget recommendations of the
3 governor for the succeeding two fiscal years[-] in a form
4 prescribed by the legislature. The budget, in general, shall
5 contain:

- 6 (1) The state program structure;
- 7 (2) Statements of statewide objectives;
- 8 (3) The financial requirements for the next two fiscal
9 years to carry out the recommended programs; and
- 10 (4) A summary of state receipts and revenues in the last
11 completed fiscal year, a revised estimate for the
12 fiscal year in progress, and an estimate for the
13 succeeding biennium."

14 SECTION 4. Section 37-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

16 "(a) Not fewer than thirty days before the legislature
17 convenes in regular session in an even-numbered year, the
18 governor may submit to the legislature a supplemental budget to
19 amend any appropriation for the current fiscal biennium[-] in a
20 form prescribed by the legislature. The supplemental budget
21 shall reflect the changes being proposed in the State's program



1 and financial plan and shall be submitted as applicable, in the
2 manner provided in section 37-71. In any supplemental budget
3 that proposes appropriations for which the source of funding is
4 general obligation bonds, the budget shall include the schedule,
5 declaration, and computation specified in section 37-71(d)(6)."

6 SECTION 5. Section 37-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended as follows:

8 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

9 "(a) The governor shall submit a plan of proposed
10 appropriations for the State to the legislature which shall
11 accompany the state budget in odd-numbered years and the
12 supplemental budget in even-numbered years. The plan of
13 proposed appropriations shall be in a form prescribed by the
14 legislature and shall include the executive budget, proposed
15 grants to private entities, and any specific appropriation
16 measures to be proposed by the executive branch, and estimates
17 of the aggregate proposed appropriations of the judicial and
18 legislative branches of government. In any year in which the
19 plan of proposed appropriations from the general fund exceeds
20 the expenditure ceiling, the governor shall set forth the dollar
21 amount, the rate by which the expenditure ceiling would be



1 exceeded, and the reasons for proposing appropriations in excess
2 of those allowed under the expenditure ceiling."

3 2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

4 "(c) The governor shall submit a plan of proposed
5 appropriations for the executive branch to the legislature which
6 shall accompany the state budget in odd-numbered years and the
7 supplemental budget in even-numbered years. The plan of
8 proposed appropriations shall be in a form prescribed by the
9 legislature and shall include the executive budget, proposed
10 grants to private entities, and any specific appropriation
11 measures to be proposed by the executive branch."

12 3. By amending subsection (f) to read:

13 "(f) The chief justice shall submit a plan of proposed
14 appropriations of the judicial branch to the legislature which
15 shall accompany the judiciary biennial budget in odd-numbered
16 years and the supplemental budget in even-numbered years. The
17 plan of proposed appropriations shall be in a form prescribed by
18 the legislature and shall include the judiciary budget, proposed
19 grants to private entities, and any specific appropriation
20 measures to be proposed by the judicial branch."



1 SECTION 6. The executive branch, judiciary branch, and
2 office of Hawaiian affairs shall conform to this Act no later
3 than December 1, 2023

4 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

OHA; Proposed Budget; Governor; Judiciary; Legislature

Description:

Authorizes the Legislature to specify the form in which the proposed budgets of the executive branch, judiciary branch, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs are submitted to the Legislature. Requires the executive branch, judiciary branch, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs to conform no later than 12/1/2023. (SD2)

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