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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A STATE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4           "§26-       State chief operating officer; established. (a)

5 The governor shall appoint, and may remove, a state chief  
6 operating officer, without regard to chapter 76.

7           (b) The state chief operating officer shall:

8           (1) Be experienced in the operations of government,  
9           business, and economic development;

10          (2) Assist the governor by developing and recommending  
11          policies and programs beneficial to businesses and to  
12          increase economic development; and

13          (3) Coordinate the policies of the governor regarding  
14          business and economic development with the department  
15          of business, economic development, and tourism.

16          (c) The state chief operating officer shall be a member of  
17          the state employees' retirement system and shall be included



1 under any other state or federal employee benefit program  
2 generally applicable to officers and employees of the State."

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2024-2025 for one full time equivalent (1.0 FTE) state chief  
8 operating officer.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of  
10 the governor for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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**Report Title:**

Governor; State Chief Operating Officer

**Description:**

Establishes the State Chief Operating Officer to assist the Governor in developing and recommending policies beneficial to businesses and to increase economic development.

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