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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
OF A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION, EXTENDING THE  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND ADDING ADDITIONAL RECESS DAYS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's state legislature only has sixty session  
2 days per year, generally stretching from the middle of January  
3 until early May; and

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5 WHEREAS, the representatives and senators who comprise the  
6 state legislature are part-time employees of the State; and

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8 WHEREAS, the efficiency, productivity, orderliness, and  
9 transparency of the state legislature could be improved by  
10 requiring that the Legislature be in session during every month  
11 of the year, making the elected officials who comprise the state  
12 legislature into full-time employees of the State; now,  
13 therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,  
17 that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a  
18 study of a continuous legislature, extending the legislative  
19 session, and adding additional recess days; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to:

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23 (1) Discuss the pros and cons of a continuous legislative  
24 session, extending the legislative session, and adding  
25 additional recess days;

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27 (2) Focus on what a continuous legislative calendar,  
28 extended legislative calendar, and a legislative  
29 calendar day with additional recess days for the State  
30 may look like, including bill and budget deadlines;  
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1 (3) Examine salary needs for full-time legislators and  
2 staff; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative  
6 Reference Bureau.

