HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. 55

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS FOR A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND ITS RELATIVE IMPACTS ON THE STATE.

WHEREAS, Hawaii's state legislature only has sixty session 1 days per year, generally stretching from the middle of January 2 until early May; and 3 4 WHEREAS, the representatives and senators who comprise the 5 state legislature are part-time employees of the State; and 6 7 WHEREAS, the efficiency, productivity, orderliness, and 8 transparency of the state legislature could be improved by 9 requiring that the Legislature be in session during every month 10 of the year, making the elected officials who comprise the state 11 legislature into full-time employees of the State; now, 12 therefore, 13 14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 15 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 16 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative 17 Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a study to understand 18 the implementation process for a continuous legislative session 19 and its relative impacts on the State; and 20 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to: 22 23 Discuss the pros and cons of a continuous legislative 24 (1) session; 25 26 27 (2) Focus on what a continuous legislative calendar for the State may look like, including bill and budget 28 deadlines; and 29 30 31 (3) Examine salary needs for full-time legislators and staff; and 32



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the 3 Legislative Reference Bureau. 4 5 6 Umy 10000 MAR 0 5 2024 7 OFFERED BY:

