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SENATE 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.

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 to understand the implementation process for a continuous
19 legislative session and its relative impacts on the State; 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;
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26 (2) Focus on what a continuous legislative calendar for
27 the State may look like, including bill and budget
28 deadlines; and
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30 (3) Examine salary needs for full-time legislators and
31 staff; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Legislative
3 Reference Bureau.

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