
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that eliminating
2 redundant or outdated regulations would improve government
3 efficiency. Research from the Mercatus Center at George Mason
4 University estimated that the Code of Hawaii Rules has 108,741
5 restrictions and 6,438,101 words. Several states have
6 streamlined regulations using an artificial intelligence (AI)
7 tool. For example, Ohio has been using AI text analytics to
8 identify and eliminate outdated and unnecessary administrative
9 codes. South Carolina has taken similar steps to scale back
10 regulations. The legislature finds that, in order to most
11 efficiently and cost-effectively reduce regulatory redundancy,
12 it is important for the State to leverage modern tools such as
13 AI to comb through the vast volume of state laws and regulations
14 and eliminate regulatory obstacles.

15 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 16 (1) Provide funds to the legislative reference bureau to
17 utilize an AI tool to analyze the Hawaii Revised



1 Statutes and Hawaii Administrative Rules and identify
2 provisions that are obsolete, duplicative, or
3 inconsistent with statute or other regulations; and

4 (2) Require the legislative reference bureau to report to
5 the legislature its findings and recommendations.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2026-2027 for procurement of artificial intelligence software
11 and analytic services to analyze the Hawaii Revised Statutes and
12 Hawaii Administrative Rules and identify provisions that are
13 obsolete, duplicative, or inconsistent with statute or other
14 regulations.

15 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the legislative
16 reference bureau for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. The legislative reference bureau shall submit a
18 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
19 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2027.

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

Government Efficiency; Regulations; AI; LRB; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriate funds to the legislative reference bureau to procure artificial intelligence software and analytic services to streamline state law and regulations. Requires a report to the legislature.

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