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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS AND PROJECTED  
FINANCIAL IMPACT OF ADOPTING FISCAL NOTES INTO THE STATE'S  
LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE.

1 WHEREAS, numerous states incorporate fiscal notes into  
2 their legislative process to increase public transparency by  
3 disclosing the potential financial impact a measure would have  
4 on the state and local government; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments reports that  
7 forty-four states include projected future costs in the notes  
8 accompanying their bills; and  
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10 WHEREAS, some states have adopted fiscal notes through  
11 their internal legislative rules, while others have implemented  
12 fiscal notes by statute; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii does not require fiscal notes to accompany  
15 measures throughout the legislative process, which forces  
16 representatives and senators to vote on measures without knowing  
17 the financial impact of their decisions; now, therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2025, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to  
22 conduct a study to understand the implementation process and  
23 projected financial impact of adopting fiscal notes into the  
24 State's legislative procedure; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to:  
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- 28 (1) Discuss the most appropriate method of adopting fiscal  
29 notes, either through statute or House Rules;  
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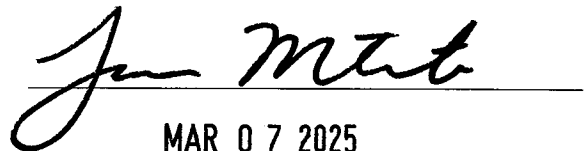


- 1 (2) Identify the necessary staff, salary, and program  
2 costs required to implement fiscal notes;  
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4 (3) Consider how best to ensure the fiscal notes are  
5 publicly available like other legislative documents  
6 found on the Hawaii State Legislature website;  
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8 (4) Identify any potential barriers to implementation  
9 including, but not limited to, staffing constraints,  
10 costs, and technological limitations;  
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12 (5) Examine how other states have successfully implemented  
13 fiscal notes, such as Colorado, Louisiana, Minnesota,  
14 and Texas, with a focus on their ability to overcome  
15 any of the implementation barriers identified above;  
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18 (6) Consider implementation through the existing Office of  
19 the Legislative Analyst in HRS Section 21F-6 as  
20 recommended in HB296 (2025); and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
23 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
24 recommendations on fiscal notes, including any proposed  
25 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
26 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Resolution be transmitted to Director of the Legislative  
30 Reference Bureau.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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