
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 91-2.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Beginning January 1, 2000, all state agencies,
4 through the office of the lieutenant governor, shall make
5 available on the website of the office of the lieutenant
6 governor each proposed rulemaking action of the agency and the
7 full text of the agency's proposed rules or changes to existing
8 rules. Beginning January 1, 2027, the full text of the agency's
9 proposed rules shall be in a digitally accessible and searchable
10 format that meets or exceeds the most current, ratified
11 standards under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
12 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended. The internet website shall
13 provide instructions regarding how to download the information
14 regarding proposed rulemaking actions and the full text of the
15 agency's proposed rules."

16 SECTION 2. Section 91-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) Each agency adopting, amending, or repealing a rule,
2 upon approval [~~thereof~~] by the governor or the mayor of the
3 county, shall file [~~forthwith~~] certified copies [~~thereof~~] of the
4 rules with the lieutenant governor in the case of the State, or
5 with the clerk of the county in the case of a county. In
6 addition, the clerks of all of the counties shall file
7 [~~forthwith~~] certified copies [~~thereof~~] of the rules with the
8 lieutenant governor. A permanent register of the rules, open to
9 public inspection, shall be kept by the lieutenant governor and
10 the clerks of the counties. Beginning January 1, 2027, all
11 state agencies, through the office of the lieutenant governor,
12 shall make available on the website of the office of the
13 lieutenant governor the full text of the rules of the agency in
14 a digitally accessible and searchable format that meets or
15 exceeds the most current, ratified standards under section 508
16 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended."

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2525.



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Report Title:

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Description:

Beginning 1/1/2027, requires all state agencies to make the full text of their rules available on the website of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in a digitally accessible and searchable format that meets or exceeds certain federal standards.
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