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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The legislative reference bureau, in  
2 collaboration with the department of budget and finance, shall  
3 conduct a study on the costs, savings, and potential  
4 productivity changes of transitioning to a continuous  
5 legislative calendar. The study shall include:  
6 (1) An estimate of the fiscal impact of transitioning to a  
7 continuous legislative calendar compared to the  
8 existing legislative calendar, including:  
9 (A) Any additional costs or savings; and  
10 (B) How much it would cost to fund a continuous  
11 legislature each month;  
12 (2) The cost to fund each regular session from the regular  
13 session of 2015 through the regular session of 2025;  
14 and  
15 (3) A comparison of the productivity of other continuous  
16 legislatures compared to the State, including the



1                   number of bills introduced and passed in those  
2                   legislatures.

3                   (b) The legislative reference bureau shall submit a report  
4                   of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
5                   legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
6                   to the convening of the regular session of 2027.

7                   SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8                   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
9                   much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
10                  the legislative reference bureau, in collaboration with the  
11                  department of budget and finance, to conduct a study on the  
12                  costs, savings, and potential productivity changes of  
13                  transitioning to a continuous legislative calendar.

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

16                  SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 2343

**Report Title:**

LRB; BNF; Continuous Legislature; Study; Report; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau, in collaboration with the Department of Budget and Finance, to conduct a study on the costs, savings, and potential productivity changes of transitioning to a continuous legislative calendar. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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