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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to rename the
2 department of business, economic development, and tourism as the
3 department of housing, economic development, and tourism to
4 clarify that the department's duties include the development of
5 housing in the State and to emphasize that the department shall
6 place greater weight on its housing policy.

7 SECTION 2. Section 26-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **"§26-52 Department heads and executive officers.** The
10 salaries of the following state officers shall be as follows:
11 (1) The salary of the superintendent of education shall be
12 set by the board of education. The superintendent
13 shall be subject to an annual performance evaluation
14 that is in alignment with other employee evaluations
15 within the department of education and are based on
16 outcomes determined by the board of education;



provided that nothing shall prohibit the board of education from conditioning a portion of the salary on performance;

(2) The salary of the president of the university of Hawaii shall be set by the board of regents;

(3) Effective July 1, 2004, the salaries of all department heads or executive officers of the departments of accounting and general services; agriculture and

10 business, economic development, and tourism

11 commerce and consumer affairs: corrections and

12 rehabilitation; Hawaiian home lands; health; housing,
13 economic development, and tourism; human resources

14 development: human services: labor and industrial

15 relations: land and natural resources: law

16 enforcement; taxation; and transportation shall be as

17 last recommended by the executive salary commission.

19 thereafter, the salaries shall be as last re-

20 by the commission on salaries pursuant to section

21 26-56, unless rejected by the legislature; and



1 (4) The salary of the adjutant general shall be \$85,302 a
2 year. Effective July 1, 2007, and every six years
3 thereafter, the salary of the adjutant general shall
4 be as last recommended by the commission on salaries
5 pursuant to section 26-56, unless rejected by the
6 legislature, except that if the state salary is in
7 conflict with the pay and allowance fixed by the
8 tables of the regular Army or Air Force of the United
9 States, the latter shall prevail."

10 SECTION 3. Section 26-56, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) The commission shall review and recommend an
13 appropriate salary for the governor, lieutenant governor,
14 members of the legislature, justices and judges of all state
15 courts, administrative director of the State or an equivalent
16 position, and department heads or executive officers and the
17 deputies or assistants to the department heads of the
18 departments of:

19 (1) Accounting and general services;

20 (2) Agriculture and biosecurity;

21 (3) The attorney general;



- 1 (4) Budget and finance;
- 2 (5) [Business, economic development, and tourism;
- 3 (6)] Commerce and consumer affairs;
- 4 [(7)] (6) Corrections and rehabilitation;
- 5 [(8)] (7) Defense;
- 6 [(9)] (8) Hawaiian home lands;
- 7 [(10)] (9) Health;
- 8 (10) Housing, economic development, and tourism;
- 9 (11) Human resources development;
- 10 (12) Human services;
- 11 (13) Labor and industrial relations;
- 12 (14) Land and natural resources;
- 13 (15) Law enforcement;
- 14 (16) Taxation; and
- 15 (17) Transportation.

16 The commission shall not review the salary of any position
17 in the department of education or the University of Hawaii.

18 The commission may recommend different salaries for
19 department heads and executive officers and different salary
20 ranges for deputies or assistants to department heads; provided
21 that the commission shall recommend the same salary range for



1 deputies or assistants to department heads within the same
2 department; provided further that the appointing official shall
3 specify the salary for a particular position within the
4 applicable range.

5 The commission shall not recommend salaries lower than
6 salary amounts recommended by prior commissions replaced by this
7 section."

8 SECTION 4. Section 194-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) The council shall be placed within the department of
11 land and natural resources for administrative purposes only and
12 shall be composed of:

13 (1) The president of the University of Hawaii, or the
14 president's designated representative;
15 (2) The director, or the director's designated
16 representative, of each of the following departments:
17 (A) ~~Business, economic development, and tourism;~~
18 (B+) Health; ~~and~~
19 (B) Housing, economic development, and tourism; and
20 (C) Transportation; and



5 SECTION 5. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending its title to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 201

8 DEPARTMENT OF [BUSINESS,] HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
9 TOURISM"

10 SECTION 6. (a) Sections 10-18, 23-12, 26-4, 26-18, 27-7,
11 48-1, 48-2, 48-3, 48-4, 48-6, 76-16, 103D-903, 107-22, 109-1,
12 121-19, 125C-2, 125C-31, 132D-6, 141-3.5, 163D-3, 163D-42, 171-
13 42, 171-95.3, 174C-5, 189-21, 189-42, 196-1, 196-10, 196-10.5,
14 196-41, 196-61, 196-71, 201-1, 201-2, 201-2.5, 201-3, 201-3.5,
15 201-4, 201-6, 201-7, 201-8, 201-9, 201-10, 201-11, 201-12.8,
16 201-13, 201-16, 201-17, 201-18, 201-61, 201-81, 201-84, 201-
17 101.5, 201-111, 201B-2, 201B-7.5, 201C-1, 201C-2, 201H-2, 201M-
18 5, 202-10, 205-1, 205-3.1, 205A-62, 206E-3, 206E-32, 206E-34,
19 206E-221, 206E-225, 206E-244, 206M-2, 206M-3, 206R-1, 206R-2,
20 206S-1, 206S-2, 209E-2, 210-1, 210-6, 210-7, 210-8, 210D-2,
21 210D-5, 211D-1, 211E-1, 211E-3, 212-5.5, 212-10, 213-1, 225M-1,



1 225M-2, 226-63, 227D-2, 229-2, 235-17, 235-110.91, 269-45, 269-
2 161, 302A-1314, 304A-1892, 342G-47, 342G-48, 342G-63, 342G-64,
3 371-17, 383-128, 394-9, 437-1.1, 445-112, 474-4, 486B-1.5, 486H-
4 13, 486J-1, 486J-6, 486J-7, 486J-21, and 514D-17, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes, are amended by substituting the phrase "department of
6 housing, economic development, and tourism", or similar term,
7 wherever the phrase "department of business, economic
8 development, and tourism", or similar term, appears, as the
9 context requires.

10 (b) Sections 26-16, 26-18, 27-44, 84-18, 109-1, 125C-32,
11 128E-2, 163D-3, 163D-42, 189-21, 189-42, 196-6.5, 196-61, 201-4,
12 201-5, 201-11, 201-101.5, 201-102, 201-103, 201-104, 201-115,
13 201B-13, 201C-4, 201H-2, 201H-3, 201M-5, 202-1, 206E-3, 206J-4,
14 206M-2, 206S-4, 209-1, 209-26, 209-27, 209-29, 209-31, 209-32,
15 209-33, 209-34, 209E-2, 210-1, 210-2, 210-4, 210-6, 210D-5,
16 210D-10, 211E-4, 213-2, 225M-1, 225M-2, 225M-3, 225M-4, 225P-3,
17 227D-2, 279A-4, 302A-1314, 304A-3353, 346-381.5, 346-382, and
18 486J-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are amended by substituting the
19 phrase "director of housing, economic development, and tourism",
20 or similar term, wherever the phrase "director of business,



1 economic development, and tourism", or similar term, appears, as
2 the context requires.

3 SECTION 7. (a) The revisor of statutes shall substitute
4 the phrase "department of housing, economic development, and
5 tourism", or similar term, wherever the phrase "department of
6 business, economic development, and tourism", or similar term,
7 appears in any Acts of the Sessions Laws of Hawaii 2026, as the
8 context requires.

9 (b) The revisor of statutes shall substitute the phrase
10 "director of housing, economic development, and tourism", or
11 similar term, wherever the phrase "director of business,
12 economic development, and tourism", or similar term, appears in
13 any Acts of the Sessions Laws of Hawaii 2026, as the context
14 requires.

15 SECTION 8. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
17 begun before its effective date.

18 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2181

Report Title:

DBEDT; Department Name; Rename; Housing

Description:

Renames the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism as the Department of Housing, Economic Development, and Tourism. Effective 7/1/2050.

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