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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established a capitol visitor  
2 center working group.

3           (b) The capitol visitor working group shall consist of the  
4 following members:

5           (1) The chair of the senate standing committee with  
6 primary jurisdiction over government operations, who  
7 shall serve as co-chairperson of the working group;

8           (2) The chair of the house of representatives standing  
9 committee with primary jurisdiction over legislative  
10 management, who shall serve as co-chairperson of the  
11 working group;

12           (3) A representative from the department of accounting and  
13 general services;

14           (4) A representative from the legislative reference  
15 bureau;



1 (5) A representative from the business enterprise program  
2 administered by the Hawaii division of vocational  
3 rehabilitation of the department of human services;

4 (6) A representative from the joint legislative access  
5 committee; and

6 (7) Any additional members as deemed necessary by the co-  
7 chairpersons.

8 (c) The capitol visitor center working group shall study  
9 the feasibility of establishing a capitol visitor center within  
10 the State capitol or the capitol district, including the best  
11 practices for its management, scope, and operations, for the  
12 purposes of serving as an additional public access resource for  
13 residents and visitors.

14 (d) The capitol visitor center working group shall submit  
15 a report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
16 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
17 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2027.

18 (e) The members of the capitol visitor center working  
19 group shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed  
20 for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the  
21 performance of their duties. No member of the capitol visitor



1 center working group shall be subject to chapter 84, Hawaii  
2 Revised Statutes, solely because of the member's participation  
3 in the working group.

4 (f) The department of accounting and general services  
5 shall provide administrative support to the working group.

6 (g) The legislative reference bureau shall assist the  
7 working group in preparing and submitting the report required  
8 pursuant to subsection (d).

9 (h) The capitol visitor center working group shall be  
10 dissolved on June 30, 2027.

11 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2525.



S.B. NO. 2219  
S.D. 1

**Report Title:**

DAGS; LRB; Capitol Visitor Center Working Group; Report

**Description:**

Establishes a Capitol Visitor Center Working Group to study the feasibility of establishing a Capitol Visitor Center and submit a report to the Legislature. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide administrative support to the Working Group. Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to assist the Working Group in preparing and submitting the report to the Legislature. Working Group to sunset on 6/30/2027. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)

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