
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE-FUNDED TRAVEL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is
2 entering a period of fiscal uncertainty marked by slowing
3 revenue growth, reductions in federal support, rising costs of
4 government operations, and increasing demands on limited public
5 resources. Given these circumstances, prudent stewardship of
6 taxpayer funds requires discipline, restraint, and careful
7 prioritization of expenditures.

8 The legislature further finds that state-funded travel for
9 conferences, forums, and professional development, while often
10 beneficial, must be closely scrutinized to ensure that it is
11 essential, cost-effective, and aligned with the State's highest
12 priorities.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to emphasize
14 efficiency, accountability, and resourcefulness in the use of
15 public funds during austere fiscal times by temporarily
16 requiring each state agency to submit annual reports of its
17 state-funded travel to certain committees of the legislature.



1 SECTION 2. (a) Each state agency shall submit an annual
2 report of its state-funded travel to the senate standing
3 committee on ways and means and house standing committee on
4 finance no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the
5 regular sessions of 2027 and 2028. Each report submitted shall
6 include:

- 7 (1) Identification of all travelers by position number;
- 8 (2) The number of trips approved for each position;
- 9 (3) The purpose and location of each trip;
- 10 (4) A brief explanation of how each trip advanced the
11 priority of the state function;
- 12 (5) Certification that remote participation alternatives
13 were evaluated and determined to be insufficient; and
- 14 (6) Total cost of each trip, including airfare, lodging,
15 transportation, registration, per diem, and any other
16 related travel expenses.

17 (b) As used in this Act, "state agency" means all
18 executive departments, boards, commissions, bureaus, offices,
19 agencies, and all independent commissions and other
20 establishments of the state government, including the university
21 of Hawaii, and all quasi-public institutions which are supported



1 in whole or in part by, or which handle, state or public funds;
2 provided that "state agency" does not include:

- 3 (1) The judiciary and its staff;
- 4 (2) The legislature, its committees, and its staff;
- 5 (3) The governor and the governor's staff; or
- 6 (4) The lieutenant governor and the lieutenant governor's
7 staff.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000, and
9 shall be repealed on June 30, 2028.



Report Title:

DAGS; State Agencies; Travel Reports

Description:

Requires reports on travel taken by certain state agencies and for the reports to be submitted to the money committees of the Legislature. Sunsets 6/30/2028. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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