THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 55 S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

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Report Title:
Administrative Rules; Rulemaking; Agencies; Digital Accessibility; Searchability; Formatting

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. Effective 1/1/2525. (SD1)

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