

A Bill for an Act Relating to Claims for Legislative Relief.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 37-77, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§37-77 Claims for legislative relief.** All claims for refunds, reimbursements, or other payments, authorization for which is sought from the legislature, shall, as a condition to their being considered by the legislature, be filed [in quadruplicate] with the [director of finance at least thirty days prior to the convening of the legislature,] attorney general together with [quadruplicates of] all data and documents in support thereof. In the absence of a showing of sufficient reason therefor, failure to comply with this paragraph shall be deemed sufficient cause for refusal of the legislature to consider the claims.

The [director] attorney general shall, immediately upon receipt thereof, refer any claim and data so received by the [director] attorney general to the agency concerned[,] or the comptroller, and the agency to which the reference is made or the comptroller shall immediately investigate the claim, secure [in triplicate] all available data and documents bearing thereon, and refer the same back to the [director] attorney general with its recommendations thereon. The [director shall then forward the claim to the] attorney general [, who] shall review the claim[,] and make a recommendation as to the disposition of the claim [and inform the director of the recommendation].

The attorney general shall, within five days after the opening of the session, transmit to the legislature the claims which are then recommended for approval in an appropriate legislative bill form, together with [all the data and documents substantiating each claim.] an explanation for each claim. Additional recommendations for approval may be transmitted later in the session. All claims for which there is a recommendation of denial shall also be reported to the legislature[,] with an explanation. The data and documents submitted by claimants shall be available for inspection by the legislature.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 23, 1990.)