

A Bill for an Act Relating to Government Processes and Services.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are great inconsistencies and a general lack of accountability in the management and construction of government capital improvement projects. In response to these concerns, the legislature adopted and the governor signed into law Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, which directed the auditor to review the process, efficiencies, and accountability of various departmental engineering sections that manage general fund capital improvement projects.

The purpose of this Act is to implement the auditor's recommendations.

SECTION 2. Chapter 103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§103- Capital improvement projects; personnel training; management. (a) The comptroller shall conduct annual training for the engineering personnel of all executive departments and state agencies that manage their own capital improvement projects to ensure compliance with state adopted standards and procedures of best practices in the management and construction of capital improvement projects. Each department and agency shall provide orientation training for new employees subject to this subsection and who are hired during the interim between annual trainings.

(b) All executive departments and state agencies that manage their own capital improvement projects shall:

- (1) Use timelines that include a comprehensive list of all activities required on a project, and not simply rely on contractor timelines, which may not reflect all project phases. At a minimum, the list shall include all phases in a project's life cycle, namely, the initiation, planning, design, bid, construction, and post construction phases;
- (2) Follow state procurement office guidance for tracking payments and deliverables by using a contract administration worksheet that includes milestones or deliverables, which are marked off as items are completed; and
- (3) To help ensure end-user satisfaction with their capital improvement projects, identify and involve stakeholders throughout a project's execution and closing, including providing information about project costs, schedules, and performance.”

SECTION 3. No later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2017, the department of accounting and general services shall submit a status report to the legislature on the implementation of practices required by this Act.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.
(Approved July 12, 2016.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.