

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6005

As Passed Senate, February 12, 2014

Title: An act relating to eliminating the position of human resources director.

Brief Description: Eliminating the position of human resources director.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Governmental Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Roach and Hasegawa; by request of Office of Financial Management).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Governmental Operations: 1/21/14 [DPS].
Passed Senate: 2/12/14, 48-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6005 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Hasegawa, Ranking Member; Conway, Dandel and McCoy.

Staff: Sam Thompson (786-7413)

Background: A 2011 act eliminated the Department of Personnel, dividing its powers and duties between the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Department of Enterprise Services, and creating the human resources director within OFM. The human resources director has several administrative functions, including assisting in setting state employee compensation, salaries, and benefits.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The human resources director position in OFM is eliminated. The director of OFM and the director of the state Health Care Authority must perform functions exercised by the human resources director.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: This legislation eliminates statutory references to the position of human resources director in OFM. In practice, an OFM deputy director will assume many functions currently exercised by the human resources director.

Persons Testifying: PRO: John Lane, OFM.