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Bill Writing Rubric

Criteria	4 - Exemplary	3 - Proficient	2 - Developing	1 - Beginning
Issue & Purpose	Clearly identifies a significant state issue and provides a focused, well-explained solution.	Identifies a state issue and proposes a generally clear solution.	Issue or solution lacks clarity or connection.	Issue is unclear or solution does not address the stated problem.
Legislative Structure	Bill follows all required sections and is organized logically. Definitions, provisions, funding, and implementation are included where appropriate.	Bill contains most required sections and is generally organized.	Some required sections are missing or unclear.	Bill lacks structure and important sections are absent.
Feasibility & State Authority	Proposal is realistic, achievable, and clearly within the authority of the Hawai'i State Legislature.	Proposal is generally realistic and mostly within state authority.	Proposal may be difficult to implement or contains authority concerns.	Proposal is unrealistic, unenforceable, or outside state authority.
Funding & Implementation	Funding sources, costs, implementation responsibilities, and timelines are clearly identified.	Funding and implementation are generally addressed.	Funding or implementation details are incomplete.	Funding and implementation are missing or unclear.
Clarity & Legislative Language	Bill uses clear, concise language with minimal ambiguity. Readers can easily understand what actions are required.	Language is mostly clear with only minor ambiguity.	Language is sometimes unclear, repetitive, or overly broad.	Language is vague, confusing, or difficult to follow.



Conference Readiness Check

- ☐ Addresses a real issue affecting Hawai'i
- ☐ Clearly explains the proposed change
- ☐ Falls within state legislative authority
- ☐ Identifies who is responsible for implementation
- ☐ Includes funding or explains why funding is not needed
- ☐ Defines important terms
- ☐ Can be understood by someone unfamiliar with the topic
- ☐ Is realistic to implement