
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY AT RURAL
SCHOOLS ON MAUI, LANAI, AND MOLOKAI.

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

1 SECTION 1. Hawaii students have greatly benefited from the
2 national trend of bringing internet technology and wireless
3 connectivity to the classroom. At least ninety-seven per cent
4 of Hawaii's public schools are currently "hard wired" or capable
5 of connecting to the Internet.

6 Most schools also have some wireless fidelity connection,
7 with accessibility in limited locations. This enables students,
8 teachers, and administrators to access data, gather information,
9 communicate, and collaborate from various sites on campus.
10 Through wireless fidelity, students in remote communities can
11 communicate with teachers and access learning resources
12 regardless of location.

13 The purpose of this Act is to install a wireless fidelity
14 network at schools in rural districts on the islands of Maui,
15 Lanai, and Molokai.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much



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1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
 2 purpose of installing a wireless fidelity network at schools in
 3 rural areas on the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai; provided
 4 that the wireless fidelity network shall provide adequate
 5 coverage, capacity, and security to meet current and future
 6 needs of these schools. The sum appropriated shall be expended
 7 by the department of education for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. The department of education shall submit a
 9 progress report to the legislature not later than twenty days
 10 prior to the convening of the 2007 regular session and a final
 11 report not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the
 12 2008 regular session. These reports shall include but not be
 13 limited to issues such as cost, usage, accessibility, security,
 14 and compatibility with existing computer networks and other
 15 relevant information.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.
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Report Title:

Wireless Fidelity; Schools

Description:

Appropriates funds for a wireless fidelity network for schools in rural areas. Requires report to legislature.

