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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 education's website serves a varied and ever-increasing audience
3 that includes parents, educators, policy makers, employees, and
4 the public who rely on the information and data on the website.
5 Website users review over eleven thousand pages each day. As
6 data needs continue to grow, it becomes imperative that greater
7 resources be dedicated to support the functions of the
8 department of education in order to provide enhanced
9 accessibility to its website users and meet the demands of a
10 data-driven education system.

11 The Reinventing Education Act of 2004 articulates the
12 importance of a data-driven system to support educational
13 achievement. Accessibility to web-based information is
14 paramount to data-driven decision making by policy makers,
15 school community councils, and other educational stakeholders in
16 supporting educational accountability and student achievement.
17 The department of education's website is a necessary tool in
18 communicating information to the public. In addition, teachers,



1 principals, and other department of education employees are
2 increasingly using the website to access information, records,
3 forms, and reports to perform their daily functions.

4 The legislature further finds that dedicated funding has
5 never been allocated to maintain and service the department of
6 education's website. Currently, only one employee is dedicated,
7 on a part-time basis, to maintain and service the website. The
8 growing demand for data, desire for greater accessibility to
9 public education information, and increased usage of the website
10 requires additional positions and resources to maintain the
11 website and to address the needs of its users. The
12 appropriation of funds dedicated to the website will enable the
13 department of education to improve its information
14 infrastructure to accommodate evolving education data needs.

15 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support
16 the functions of the department of education website to support
17 data-driven decision making, make public school information more
18 accessible to users, reach wider audiences, and increase the
19 efficiency of department of education operations.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii, the following sums, or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007:



- 1 (1) \$45,840 for the establishment of one full-time
2 equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent data processing system
3 analyst V position in the department of education to
4 support the functions of the department of education's
5 website;
- 6 (2) \$40,716 for the establishment of one full-time
7 equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent data processing system
8 analyst IV in the department of education to support
9 the functions of the department of education's website
10 and to provide common web assistance to schools;
- 11 (3) \$103,200 for contracted advisory and technical
12 services in site design and information retrieval
13 optimization to support the functions of the
14 department of education's website;
- 15 (4) \$12,500 for department of education computer hardware
16 upgrades and maintenance;
- 17 (5) \$2,500 for department of education's website
18 development tools; and
- 19 (6) \$750 for transportation, supplies, and other expenses
20 to support the functions of the department of
21 education's website.



1 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
2 department of education for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds to support the department of education's website operations.

