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S.B. NO. 2070

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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 with the rapid  
2 progress of information technology throughout the world,  
3 Hawaii's children need to be prepared so they can compete in the  
4 global workplace. For an island state like Hawaii, the  
5 coordination of information technology at the school level can  
6 help students overcome the barriers of geography and limited  
7 resources.

8           Some public schools are currently using a teacher position  
9 to serve as the school's technology coordinator. Other schools  
10 have temporary or part-time positions. The legislature believes  
11 that a permanent, full-time technology coordinator at each  
12 school would provide critical assistance with equipment  
13 acquisition, technical support, and evaluation of a school's  
14 information technology infrastructure.

15           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           , or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for a



1 full-time, permanent technology coordinator position at each  
2 public elementary, middle, and high school.

3 SECTION 3. The department of education shall adopt rules  
4 pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this Act;  
5 provided that current technology coordinators are grandfathered  
6 into the new positions created.

7 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
8 department of education for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

Education; Information Technology; Appropriation

**Description:**

Creates full-time, permanent technology coordinator positions for each elementary, middle, and high school. Grandfathers in current technology coordinators.

