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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 a series of
2 information technology initiatives have been started that will
3 significantly streamline and raise the automation level of key
4 department of education operational processes. These
5 initiatives include:

6 (1) A comprehensive and centralized student information
7 system that provides for longitudinal student
8 tracking, implementation of the standards based report
9 card, and automating a number of administrative
10 procedures currently done manually at the school
11 level;

12 (2) A human resources system that includes streamlining
13 the recruiting and hiring process and automating time
14 and attendance;

15 (3) The integration of three separate and fragmented
16 student support systems currently implemented as
17 comprehensive student support system, integrated



1 special education system, and safe school information
2 system; and

3 (4) A comprehensive and centralized list of capital
4 improvement projects.

5 All of these systems will use the latest web-based
6 technology, necessitating a comprehensive network, data center,
7 and security infrastructure along with support staff to respond
8 to critical concerns and training. These systems will be
9 online, real-time systems impacting the productivity of
10 department of education employees from the classroom to office
11 staff.

12 As the department of education undergoes dramatic change in
13 implementing Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, the additional
14 workload required will be offset by the productivity increases
15 provided in the successful running of these new applications.

16 The legislature notes that the department of education
17 initiatives respond to the findings of the Hawaii Business
18 Roundtable that the department of education does not have the
19 technology needed to generate meaningful data to measure the
20 effectiveness of Act 51. The Business Roundtable has therefore
21 recommended immediate funding for a comprehensive financial



1 management system, human resources system, and a student
2 performance system.

3 While data is important to guiding policy decisions, data
4 does not drive change. Well-informed and well-supported staff
5 using data are the agents of change. A comprehensive
6 environment that includes financial management, human resources,
7 and student performance information systems is necessary for
8 staff to do their jobs. This systems approach to information
9 technology would help to effect the kind of changes outlined in
10 Act 51.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000, or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
14 provide for information system infrastructure to implement
15 initiatives required by Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, and
16 to streamline and raise the automation level of key operational
17 processes in the department of education, including the
18 integration of currently separate student information systems,
19 network and data center upgrades, information technology staff
20 positions, software licenses, and contracted services.

21 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
22 department of education for the purposes of this Act.



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

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Report Title:

Education; Information Technology; Information Systems

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of education for information technology staff and infrastructure.

