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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 shortage of school  
2 supplies for the classroom and funds to purchase the supplies  
3 has been an ongoing problem for many years. The legislature  
4 believes that to properly address this problem, purchasing power  
5 should be concentrated at the classroom level: debit card  
6 systems can be implemented so teachers can use the debit cards  
7 for specific purchases within a set dollar limit.

8           The benefits of a debit card system include:

- 9           (1) Streamlining the process by which teachers can  
10           purchase necessary school supplies and other related  
11           curriculum support supplies, thereby eliminating the  
12           time required to obtain a product and the time lag for  
13           reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses; and  
14           (2) Providing teachers with flexibility for their  
15           purchases and allowing them to take advantage of  
16           school discounts and sales in the community.

17           The legislature further finds that there are banks that can  
18 assist with the establishment of debit card system accounts, at



1 little or no cost. The system can be set up to provide up-to-  
2 date spending information.

3 The purpose of this Act is to allow the principal of each  
4 public school to establish and use a debit card system based at  
5 the individual school level for the purpose of purchasing school  
6 supplies and other related curriculum support supplies.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
9 and to read as follows:

10 "§302A- Purchases of supplies; debit card system. The  
11 principal of each public school may establish and use a debit  
12 card system to be based at the individual school level for the  
13 purpose of purchasing school supplies and other related  
14 curriculum support supplies, as deemed appropriate by the  
15 school's academic and financial plans."

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the  
19 implementation of a debit card system based at the individual  
20 school level for the purpose of purchasing school supplies and  
21 other related curriculum support supplies.



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

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.  
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**Report Title:**

Education; School Supplies; Debit Card System

**Description:**

Allows the principal of each public school to establish and use a debit card system based at the individual school level for the purpose of purchasing school supplies and other related curriculum support supplies.

