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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 report of the  
2 online learning task force established by Act 275, Session Laws  
3 of Hawaii 2007, provides a plan to the department of education  
4 for expanding online learning opportunities for students across  
5 the State. Online learning is a strategic vehicle that will  
6 define the department as a twenty-first century learning  
7 institution.

8           The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of  
9 education to adopt and implement recommendations and strategic  
10 goals contained in the task force's report.

11           SECTION 2. The department of education shall adopt the  
12 following recommendations of the online learning task force to:

13           (1) Follow a two-pronged delivery model of services and  
14 continue to operate the Myron B. Thompson full time  
15 cyber academy as a charter school, as well as  
16 establish a Hawaii virtual learning network for  
17 supplemental programs;



- 1           (2)   Establish a task force to review the State's education  
2           policies, requirements, and oversight functions for  
3           congruency with the needs and potential of online  
4           learning;
- 5           (3)   Allow both parents and students to access information  
6           about online curriculum;
- 7           (4)   Develop and establish a mentoring and training program  
8           for online teachers, collaborating with the University  
9           of Hawaii department of educational technology as  
10          needed;
- 11          (5)   Develop and establish an online training program to  
12          increase the number of highly qualified teachers,  
13          administrators, and paraprofessionals;
- 14          (6)   Provide support and incentives to teachers who become  
15          qualified to teach online courses and for teachers who  
16          utilize online courses to incorporate project-based  
17          and work-relevant learning;
- 18          (7)   Standardize the procedure for granting credits for  
19          online coursework;
- 20          (8)   Assist schools with online standards-based college  
21          preparatory curriculum;



- 1           (9) Expand credit recovery courses and remediation  
2           courses;
- 3           (10) Emphasize online science, technology, engineering, and  
4           mathematics courses and aggressively work to offer  
5           certain online courses through the department,  
6           including algebra I, English I, eighth-grade math and  
7           English, and career guidance;
- 8           (11) Expand distance education through interactive digital  
9           television;
- 10          (12) Establish an online course and resource center to  
11          include training modules and other support resources;
- 12          (13) Establish online and in-person tutoring and mentoring  
13          programs for students, partnering with the University  
14          of Hawaii as needed; and
- 15          (14) Develop recommendations on appropriate funding  
16          mechanisms.

17          The above recommendations shall be implemented by the  
18          department in consultation with the full task force  
19          recommendations. The department shall systematically establish  
20          the infrastructure for online learning based on institution  
21          type, in the following order of priority: high schools  
22          (including charter high schools), middle and elementary schools,



1 adult community schools, charter middle and elementary schools,  
2 the University of Hawaii system (particularly the community  
3 colleges), private secondary and post-secondary institutions  
4 (for a fee), and adult populations for remedial education and  
5 upgrading of workforce skill.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Online Learning Task Force

**Description:**

Directs department of education to implement recommendations of the online learning task force.

