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

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

11 "§302A- Purchases of supplies; debit card system; pilot
12 program. (a) There shall be established a pilot project at
13 three intermediate schools that allows principals at each school
14 to establish and use a debit card system to be based at the
15 individual school level for the purpose of purchasing school
16 supplies and other related curriculum support supplies, as
17 deemed appropriate by the school's academic and financial plans.

18 (b) The participating intermediate schools in the pilot
19 project shall be decided by a group consisting of a
20 representative from the department of education, the Hawaii
21 State Teachers Association, and a teacher that is currently
22 employed and working at an intermediate school."



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

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

9 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Education; School Supplies; Debit Card System; Pilot Project

Description:

Establishes a pilot program to allow a principal at each designated 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.

