
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WARRANT VOUCHERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii
2 is slowly progressing into the electronic/digital age. Some
3 private vendors that do business with the State of Hawaii are
4 trying to streamline their invoicing of goods and services by
5 sending electronic documents to the various departments to be
6 used as original vouchers, bills of materials, and other
7 supporting documents. The legislature further finds that in the
8 future, if a new, state-of-the-art accounting system is
9 implemented in state departments, there may be options to attach
10 electronic documents to purchase orders or other contract
11 encumbrances for review and authorization without having to
12 automatically print the documents, which would save paper.

13 The purpose of this Act is to provide flexibility to the
14 department of accounting and general services, University of
15 Hawaii, and department of education to accept electronically-
16 mailed warrant vouchers, bills of materials, and other
17 supporting documents as original documents.



1 SECTION 2. Section 40-56, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§40-56 Warrants for supplies, incidentals. Warrants for
4 bills of materials, supplies, and incidentals of every kind and
5 character, shall be made payable to the order of each individual
6 person to whom the State is indebted, except as provided in
7 section 40-58, and only after an original warrant voucher shall
8 have been presented to the comptroller or, in the case of the
9 University of Hawaii and the department of education, to their
10 respective chief financial officers accompanied by all original
11 bills and any other supporting document as may be required by
12 the comptroller[-] or the respective chief financial officers of
13 the University of Hawaii and the department of education. The
14 comptroller or the respective chief financial officers of the
15 University of Hawaii and department of education may accept an
16 electronically-mailed warrant voucher or other bill or
17 supporting document as an original warrant voucher, bill, or
18 supporting document. The original warrant voucher shall have
19 indorsed thereon the approval of the officer in whose department
20 the liability or expense has been incurred, and the
21 appropriation to which it is chargeable; and further, each
22 original bill shall be specially certified [~~te~~] by the



1 subordinate officer of the State directly incurring the
2 liability or expense that all the materials, supplies, and
3 incidentals have been received in good order and condition,
4 unless the bill is for an advance payment or a deposit to be
5 paid as specified in the department's purchase order, in which
6 case the certification of the original bill by the subordinate
7 officer is not required. Any advance payment made under this
8 section must conform to the common business practice for making
9 such payment as determined by the comptroller[-] or the
10 respective chief financial officers of the University of Hawaii
11 and the department of education."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Electronic Warrant Vouchers; Bill of Materials

Description:

Allows the department of education, department of accounting and general services, and the University of Hawaii to accept electronically mailed warrant vouchers for bills of materials, supplies, and incidentals as original documentation, the receipt of which authorizes payment to be made to each individual to whom the State is indebted. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB2257 HD1)

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