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   utilized 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, the University of

15   Hawaii, and the 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 may

15   accept an electronically mailed warrant voucher or other bill or

16   supporting document as an original warrant voucher, bill, or

17   supporting document, respectively. The original warrant voucher

18   shall have indorsed thereon the approval of the officer in whose

19   department the liability or expense has been incurred, and the

20   appropriation to which it is chargeable; and further, each

21   original bill shall be specially certified [to] by the

22   subordinate officer of the State directly incurring the

1   liability or expense that all the materials, supplies, and

2   incidentals have been received in good order and condition,

3   unless the bill is for an advance payment or a deposit to be

4   paid as specified in the department's purchase order, in which

5   case the certification of the original bill by the subordinate

6   officer is not required. Any advance payment made under this

7   section must conform to the common business practice for making

8   such payment as determined by the comptroller[-] or the

9   respective chief financial officers of the University of Hawaii

10 and the department of education."

11   SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13   SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2099.

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 1/1/2099.

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