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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. There is established in the department of  
2 education an electronic book pilot program for students in one  
3 intermediate or middle public school, to be selected by the  
4 department. The department shall provide, free of charge for  
5 the 2010-2011 school year, books presented in a digital format  
6 to be read directly from the screen of a personal computer,  
7 laptop, or other portable device.

8           SECTION 2. The department shall select one intermediate or  
9 middle public school and may select a subset of students within  
10 that school to participate in the pilot program. Selected  
11 students shall notify the department in writing of their  
12 commitment to participate in the pilot program for the school  
13 year or their election to not participate in the program.  
14 Participating students shall use designated electronic books for  
15 the duration of the school year instead of printed textbooks.  
16 The department, in consultation with officials of the selected



1 schools, shall determine other rules and selection criteria for  
2 students and textbooks to use as a part of the pilot program.

3 SECTION 3. During the school year, if a student or a  
4 student's parents find that the student's participation in the  
5 pilot program is detrimental to the student's learning and  
6 desire to end participation in the program, the student or the  
7 student's parents may do so without penalty. Any student who  
8 drops out of the program shall return any distributed materials  
9 or electronic devices to the department in good working  
10 condition and shall not be allowed to participate in the program  
11 for the remainder of the school year.

12 SECTION 4. The department shall submit a written report on  
13 the implementation and effectiveness of the electronic book  
14 pilot program to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
15 to the convening of the 2012 regular session. The report shall  
16 include findings and recommendations, costs expended, and  
17 anticipated problems and estimated costs of implementing an  
18 electronic book system for all public schools.

19 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for



1 the planning and implementation of an electronic book pilot  
2 program for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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**Report Title:**

Electronic Book Pilot Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and appropriates funds for an electronic book pilot program for an intermediate or middle school to be selected by the department of education.

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