
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-based curriculum tools pilot program for
3 students in one public intermediate or middle school to be
4 selected by the department. The department shall provide, free
5 of charge for the 2011-2012 school year, electronic-based
6 curriculum tools presented in digital format to be read directly
7 from the screen of a personal computer, laptop, or other
8 portable device.

9 SECTION 2. The department of education shall select one
10 public intermediate or middle school and may select a subset of
11 students within that school to participate in the pilot program.
12 Selected students shall notify the department in writing of
13 their commitment to participate in the pilot program for the
14 school year or their election to not participate in the program.
15 Participating students shall use designated electronic-based
16 curriculum tools, downloadable to personal computers, laptops,
17 or other portable devices, for the duration of the school year,
18 instead of printed textbooks. The department, in consultation



1 with officials of the selected schools, shall determine other
2 rules and selection criteria for students and the electronic-
3 based curriculum tools to be used as part of the pilot program.

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

15 SECTION 4. The department of education shall submit a
16 written report on the implementation and effectiveness of the
17 electronic-based curriculum tools pilot program to the
18 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
19 the 2013 regular session. The report shall include findings on
20 the costs and experience gained from the pilot program, and
21 recommendations for implementing an electronic-based curriculum



1 tools system for all public schools that address anticipated
2 problems and provide an estimate of the costs involved.

3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for
6 the planning and implementation of an electronic-based
7 curriculum tools pilot program.

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

10 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Department of Education; Electronic-based Curriculum Tools Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for an electronic-based curriculum tools pilot program for one public intermediate or middle school to be selected by the department of education.
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