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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that health information  
2 technology provides the overall framework for the comprehensive  
3 management and secure exchange of health information among  
4 providers, insurers, governments, and consumers. The use of  
5 health information technology also has the potential to improve  
6 health care quality, prevent medical errors, increase  
7 administrative efficiencies, decrease paperwork, and improve  
8 patient care throughout the State by providing complete,  
9 accurate, and searchable health information at the point of  
10 diagnosis and care. The federal Health Information Technology  
11 for Economic and Clinical Health Act has created a number of  
12 funding opportunities to advance health information technology  
13 through the use of federal matching grant programs aimed at  
14 helping states design and develop health information technology  
15 systems. The legislature also finds that participation in these  
16 federal matching grant programs will be beneficial to the  
17 overall health of the residents of the State.



1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
2 department of health to participate in any federal matching  
3 grant programs authorized by the federal Health Information  
4 Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act with respect to  
5 health information technology systems.

6           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2011-2012  
9 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
10 fiscal year 2012-2013 to be used by the department of health for  
11 participation in any federal matching grant programs authorized  
12 by the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and  
13 Clinical Health Act with respect to the design or development of  
14 health information technology systems. To effectuate the  
15 purposes of this Act, the department of health shall comply with  
16 all program-specific requirements and timetables set forth by  
17 the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and  
18 Clinical Health Act and any federal agency charged with  
19 implementing the federal matching grant programs.

20           The department of health shall submit a report to the  
21 legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
22 Regular Session of 2012, and every year thereafter, that shall



1 contain the details of the department of health's expenditures,  
2 proposals, and planning outcomes with respect to the design or  
3 development of health information technology systems in  
4 accordance with the department of health's participation in any  
5 federal matching grant programs authorized by the federal Health  
6 Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act.  
7 The report shall also contain any other information deemed  
8 necessary by the department of health to provide the legislature  
9 with information on the department of health's ability to  
10 effectuate the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
12 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Health Information Technology; Federal Matching Grants

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to participate in federal matching grant programs associated with the development of health information technologies. Requires an annual report. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB797 HD1)

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