
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 of Hawaii by providing
9 complete, accurate, and searchable health information at the
10 point of diagnosis and care. The federal Health Information
11 Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act has created a
12 number of funding opportunities to advance health information
13 technology through the use of federal matching grant programs
14 aimed at helping states design and develop health information
15 technology systems. The legislature also finds that
16 participation in these federal matching grant programs will be
17 beneficial to the 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 Technology for Economic and Clinical Health
18 Act and any federal agency charged with implementing the federal
19 matching grant programs.

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

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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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.

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