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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. The legislature finds that a shortage of school
2 supplies and funds to purchase supplies has been an ongoing
3 problem for many years. The legislature believes that to
4 properly address this problem, purchasing power should be
5 concentrated at the classroom level. One solution is to
6 establish a debit card system at individual schools so teachers
7 can use debit cards for specific purchases within a set dollar
8 amount.

9 The benefits of implementing a debit card system at the
10 school level include:

- 11 (1) Streamlining the process by which teachers can
12 purchase necessary school supplies and other related
13 curriculum-support supplies, thereby reducing the time
14 required to obtain a product and the lag time for
15 reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses; and
- 16 (2) Providing teachers with flexibility for their
17 purchases and allowing them to take advantage of
18 school discounts and sales in the community.



1 The legislature further finds that there are banks that can
2 assist with the establishment of debit card accounts, with
3 little or no cost to the department of education. The system
4 can also be set up to provide up-to-date spending information.

5 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the principal of
6 each public school to establish and use a debit card system at
7 the individual school level for the purpose of purchasing school
8 supplies and other related curriculum-support supplies.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "**\$302A- Purchase of supplies; debit card system.** The
13 principal of each public school may establish and use a debit
14 card system to be based at the individual school level for the
15 purpose of purchasing school supplies and other related
16 curriculum-support supplies, as deemed appropriate by the
17 school's academic and financial plans."

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
21 the implementation of a debit card system based at the



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1 individual school level for the purpose of purchasing school
2 supplies and other related curriculum-support supplies.

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

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Education; School Supplies; Debit Card System; Appropriation

Description:

Allows the principal of each public school to establish and use a debit card system based at the individual school level for the purpose of purchasing school supplies and other related curriculum-support supplies. Makes an appropriation.

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