
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Protecting and securing the State of Hawaii's
2 information and data is a top concern in today's cyber world.
3 The State must protect its technology from enemies both outside
4 and within the State. To ensure the security of state
5 government information and the data communications
6 infrastructure from unauthorized uses, intrusions, or other
7 security threats, the chief information officer should be given
8 the responsibility and authority to direct the development,
9 adoption, and implementation of policies, procedures, and
10 standards and training personnel to minimize vulnerability to
11 threats, regularly assess security risks, determine appropriate
12 security measures, and perform security audits of government
13 information systems and data communications infrastructures.

14 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the chief
15 information officer to conduct or cause to be conducted security
16 audits, which may include reviews of physical security
17 practices, of all executive branch agencies regarding the



1 protection of government databases and data communications and
2 to direct remedial actions as necessary.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
4 by adding a new section to part VII, to be appropriately
5 designated and to read as follows:

6 "§27- Additional duties of the chief information officer
7 relating to security of government information. (a) The chief
8 information officer shall provide for periodic security audits
9 of all executive branch agencies regarding the protection of
10 government databases and data communications.

11 (b) Security audits may include but are not limited to on-
12 site audits as well as reviews of all written security
13 procedures and documented practices. The chief information
14 officer may contract with a private firm or firms that
15 specialize in conducting these audits. All departments,
16 agencies, boards, or commissions subject to the audits
17 authorized by this section shall fully cooperate with the entity
18 designated to perform the audit. The chief information officer
19 may direct specific remedial actions to mitigate findings of
20 insufficient administrative, technical, and physical controls
21 necessary to protect state government information or data
22 communication infrastructures.



1 (c) The provisions of this section shall not infringe upon
2 responsibilities assigned to the state comptroller or the
3 legislative auditor or upon other statutory requirements."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Chief Information Officer; Information Technology; Security

Description:

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