
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY OFFICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the quality of the
2 environment is as important to the welfare of the people of
3 Hawaii as is the economy of the State. The legislature further
4 finds that there is increasing demand for the collection and
5 dissemination of state environmental data to the public,
6 regulated and permitted community, and the United States
7 Environmental Protection Agency. The legislature also finds
8 that the development of specialized environmental information
9 technology systems can greatly assist the department of health's
10 environmental health administration provide timely and
11 comprehensive environmental information to the public, increase
12 efficiency, and make more informed decisions to better protect
13 the environment. The legislature further finds that an
14 environmental information technology office needs to be
15 established to more efficiently and effectively collect and
16 disseminate environmental data. This in turn will greatly
17 assist the environmental programs to make better decisions



1 through the development of enhanced software programs. In order
2 to maintain current successful software systems, as well as
3 continue to develop new ones, the legislature finds that the
4 environmental information technology office should be created in
5 the department of health.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish an environmental
7 information technology office in the department of health.

8 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
9 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
10 as follows:

11 "CHAPTER

12 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

13 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the
14 context otherwise requires:

15 "Director" means the director of health.

16 "Manager" means the manager of environmental information
17 technology.

18 "Office" means the environmental information technology
19 office.

20 § -2 Environmental information technology office,
21 establishment. There is established an environmental
22 information technology office that shall be headed by a single



1 executive to be known as the manager of environmental
2 information technology who shall be appointed by the director
3 without regard to chapter 76. The manager may hire staff, as
4 may be necessary, without regard to chapter 76. The office
5 shall implement this chapter and shall be placed within the
6 department of health. The office shall perform its duties under
7 this chapter and shall serve the director in an advisory
8 capacity on all matters relating to environmental information
9 management and technology.

10 § -3 Duties. The office shall:

- 11 (1) Promote the use of environmental information systems
12 and new technology innovations such as mobile
13 applications that enable efficient and non-duplicative
14 collection and dissemination of environmental data for
15 the department environmental programs, the department,
16 the State, and the public;
- 17 (2) Provide effective project management to design,
18 develop, and implement useful and relevant
19 environmental information management systems;
- 20 (3) Develop and implement environmental information
21 management policy, in accordance with policy set by
22 the office of information management and technology,



1 the department, and the United States Environmental
2 Protection Agency for environmental health programs
3 within the department;

4 (4) Seek partnerships and funding opportunities with
5 outside entities to develop and collaborate on new
6 environmental information management systems and to
7 enhance current environmental information management
8 systems; and

9 (5) Promote the federal impetus for environmental programs
10 to reduce the burden of regulatory reporting
11 processes, increase efficiencies in data reporting and
12 accessibility, and facilitate effective coordination
13 of environmental regulatory data functions;

14 provided that the functions and responsibilities of the office
15 shall not overlap with the information technology functions and
16 responsibilities of the office of information management and
17 technology; provided further that the office shall follow the
18 lifecycle governance framework established by the chief
19 information officer in the State of Hawaii Business and
20 Information Technology/Information Resource Management
21 Transformation Plan published in October 2012."



1 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
2 on July 1, 2013.



Report Title:

Environmental Information Technology Office

Description:

Establishes the Environmental Information Technology Office within the Department of Health. Effective July 1, 2013.
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