
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The department of education operates Hawaii's
2 public schools on a \$1,700,000,000 budget that consists
3 primarily of funds from the State. For fiscal biennium 2013-
4 2015, the program costs of the department of education
5 constituted more than fifteen per cent of the executive branch's
6 total program costs.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require a comprehensive
8 financial, management, and program audit of the department of
9 education to assist the department, board of education,
10 legislature, and executive branch in identifying and addressing
11 any issues necessary to improve the operations of the
12 department.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall conduct a comprehensive
14 financial, management, and program audit of the department of
15 education that shall:

16 (1) Focus on efficiency of operations of the department of
17 education;



1 (2) Focus on best practices for the entire department of
2 education; and

3 (3) Identify any duplication of services and any excessive
4 or wasteful spending by the department of education.

5 (b) The audit shall be concluded no more than eighteen
6 months after it begins.

7 SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit a report of the
8 auditor's findings and recommendations, including any proposed
9 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
10 to the convening of the regular session of 2017. The
11 recommendations shall address any deficiencies identified as a
12 result of the audit.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$750,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2016-2017 to conduct a comprehensive financial, management, and
18 program audit of the department of education pursuant to section
19 2 of this Act.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the auditor for
21 the purposes of this Act.



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Department of Education; Comprehensive Financial, Management,
and Program Audit

Description:

Requires the Auditor to conduct a comprehensive financial,
management, and program audit of the Department of Education.
Appropriates funds.

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