
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Curricular materials; digital format. (a) A
5 publisher or manufacturer that submits printed curricular
6 materials to be used in public schools on or after July 1, 2016,
7 shall ensure that such printed curricular materials are also
8 available in an equivalent digital format when such format is
9 available during the entire period in which the printed
10 curricular materials are being used by the public schools.

11 (b) Moneys allocated for printed curricular materials may
12 also be expended to purchase digital formats of the curricular
13 materials."

14 SECTION 2. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended as follows:

16 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
17 and to read:



1 "Curricular materials" means any systematically organized
2 material designed to provide a specific level of instruction in
3 a subject-matter category, including textbooks, instructional
4 materials, library books, equipment, computer software, digital
5 content accessed through a computer or other electronic medium,
6 digital content available through an internet-based provider of
7 course content, or supplies used in a particular course of
8 study."

9 2. By deleting the definition of "school textbooks,
10 instructional materials, library books, equipment, or supplies".

11 [~~"School textbooks, instructional materials, library~~
12 ~~books, equipment, or supplies" includes any book, printed~~
13 ~~matter, or other material used in a particular course of~~
14 ~~study."~~]

15 SECTION 3. Section 302A-1130.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 "§302A-1130.6 [~~Textbook and instructional]~~ Curricular
18 materials fee special account. There is established within the
19 department a [~~textbook and instructional]~~ curricular materials
20 fee special account, into which shall be deposited all fees and
21 charges collected from students or their parents or guardians



1 for the loss, destruction, breakage, or damage of [~~school~~
2 ~~textbooks, instructional materials, library books, equipment, or~~
3 ~~supplies.~~] curricular materials. Disbursements from this
4 special account shall be expended by the department for the
5 purposes of purchasing, replacing, or repairing [~~school~~
6 ~~textbooks, instructional materials, library books, equipment, or~~
7 ~~supplies.~~] curricular materials."

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$12,800,000 or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
11 digital devices for teachers and students to use in public
12 school classrooms.

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

15 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
18 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Technology in Schools; Digital Format; Appropriation

Description:

Defines curricular materials to include printed and digital material. Requires textbook manufacturers to make a digital format of the textbook available for use in public schools when such format is available. Clarifies that moneys for curricular materials can be used for digital formats. Appropriates funds.
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