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# 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 legislature finds that Act 51, Session Laws  
2 of Hawaii 2004 (Act 51), sought to revamp education in Hawaii  
3 by, in part, creating an interagency working group to develop  
4 plans for transferring certain rights, powers, functions,  
5 duties, and resources from various state departments to the  
6 department of education. The interagency working group ceased  
7 to exist on June 30, 2007.

8           The legislature further finds that reestablishing  
9 interagency working groups will help address various issues that  
10 either have not been fully resolved since Act 51 or have arisen  
11 as a result of the transferring of certain rights, powers,  
12 functions, duties, and resources from the department of  
13 accounting and general services to the department of education.

14           The purpose of this Act is to reestablish an interagency  
15 working group based on Act 51 with the overall goal of ensuring  
16 a standard level of service statewide.



1 SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall convene  
2 an interagency working group to discuss and create a  
3 comprehensive plan to transfer all personnel and functions of  
4 the department of accounting and general services related to  
5 neighbor island public schools to the department of education as  
6 previously mandated in Act 51 no later than the 2017-2018 fiscal  
7 biennium. This plan shall address issues relating to:

8 (1) Necessary statewide capital improvements to public  
9 school campuses for compliance with section 504 of the  
10 Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

11 (2) Repair and maintenance of public school facilities on  
12 the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and  
13 Kauai; and

14 (3) Any other relevant issues, including but not limited  
15 to staffing and capacity issues, arising out of  
16 section 42 of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004,  
17 that relate to the department of education and the  
18 department of accounting and general services.

19 (b) The working group shall include the following or their  
20 designees:

21 (1) The chairperson of the senate committee on education;



- 1           (2) The chairperson of the house of representatives
- 2                   committee on education;
- 3           (3) The superintendent of education;
- 4           (4) The comptroller; and
- 5           (5) Any other person the superintendent of education and
- 6                   comptroller deem necessary to further the purposes of
- 7                   this Act.

8           (c) The working group shall report its findings and  
9 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
11 the regular sessions of 2016 and 2017.

12           (d) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2017.

13           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for  
16 the department of education to convene the interagency working  
17 group established pursuant to this Act.

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

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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# S.B. NO. 984

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Department of Accounting and General Services; Interagency Working Group; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes an interagency working group consisting of the senate education committee chairperson, house of representatives education committee chairperson, superintendent of education, and comptroller, or their designees, and any other persons the superintendent of education or comptroller deem necessary. Tasks the interagency working group with discussing various issues relating to Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

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