
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 establishing another
9 interagency working group 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:

15 (1) Establish an interagency working group based on Act 51
16 with the overall goal of ensuring a standard level of
17 service statewide; and



1 (2) Require that the transfer of certain rights, powers,
2 functions, duties, and resources from the department
3 of accounting and general services to the department
4 of education be completed by July 1, 2017.

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

12 (1) Necessary statewide capital improvements to public
13 school campuses for compliance with section 504 of the
14 Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

15 (2) Repair and maintenance of public school facilities on
16 the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and
17 Kauai; and

18 (3) Any other relevant issues, including but not limited
19 to staffing and capacity issues, arising out of
20 section 42 of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004,



1 that relate to the department of education and the
2 department of accounting and general services.

3 (b) The working group shall include the following or their
4 designees:

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

6 (2) The chairperson of the house of representatives
7 committee on education;

8 (3) The superintendent of education;

9 (4) The comptroller; and

10 (5) Any other person the superintendent of education and
11 comptroller deem necessary to further the purposes of
12 this Act.

13 (c) The working group shall report its findings and
14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
15 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the regular sessions of 2016 and 2017; provided that an
17 implementation plan shall be included with the report for the
18 regular session of 2016.

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

20 SECTION 3. Based upon the findings and recommendations of
21 the working group, the actual transfer of all personnel and



1 functions of the department of accounting and general services
2 related to neighbor island public schools to the department of
3 education shall be completed by July 1, 2017.

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
7 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2016-2017 for the department of education to convene the
9 interagency working group established pursuant to this Act.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
11 of education for the purposes of this Act.

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



Report Title:

Department of Education; Department of Accounting and General Services; Interagency Working Group; Appropriations; Transfer

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. Requires the actual transfer of personnel and functions of the department of accounting and general services related to neighbor island public schools to the department of education to be completed by 7/1/2017. (SD2)

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