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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION GRANTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 education receives federal grants for public education which
3 must be used for specific purposes within specific periods of
4 time, or else be returned to the federal government. Each grant
5 has a catalog of federal domestic assistance number which
6 categorizes the grant and identifies its intended purpose and
7 any attached guidelines.

8 The legislature further finds that the department of
9 education underwent a financial audit in each of the years 2013
10 to 2016. Each of these audits revealed that the department of
11 education had underutilized over \$175,000,000 of federal funding
12 per year.

13 The purpose of this Act is to increase the transparency and
14 accountability of the department of education, to better utilize
15 federal grants, and to require the department of education to
16 prepare a report detailing all unused federal grants for the
17 last five years.



SECTION 2. The department of education shall review its financial records from the last five fiscal years, specifically its revenue from federal grants, including titled, discretionary, and formula-based grants. The department shall identify:

(1) All federal grants which the department received over the last five years;

(2) The amount of funds used from each grant;

(3) The amount of funds left unused and lapsed from each grant; and

(4) Ways that any unused funds could have been used.

The department of education shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including a description of each grant and the catalog of federal domestic assistance number for each grant, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019. The department of education shall also provide a copy of the report to the board of education; the chairperson of the board of education; the superintendent of education; the chair and executive director of the state public charter school commission; the chairperson of the senate committee on education; the



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1 chairperson of the house of representatives committee on
2 education; the governor; the president of the senate; the
3 speaker of the house of representatives; the chairperson of the
4 senate committee on Hawaiian affairs; the chairperson of the
5 house of representatives committee on ocean, marine resources,
6 and Hawaiian affairs; the chairperson of the board of trustees
7 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and all county mayors, no
8 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
9 session of 2019.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the department of education to prepare a report identifying any unused federal funds.

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