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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 less than a quarter  
2 of Hawaii high schools that offer advanced placement coursework  
3 offer advanced placement computer science classes. The  
4 legislature also finds that there is a shortage of applicants  
5 for current computing jobs. For Hawaii companies to compete  
6 nationally and globally, Hawaii students need access to  
7 comprehensive, grade appropriate computer science classes.

8           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
9 department of education to award scholarships to students  
10 working toward teaching degrees at state accredited institutions  
11 of higher education who successfully complete one course in  
12 computer science.

13           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2020-2021 for a scholarship program, to be established and



1 administered by the department of education, which shall  
2 distribute \$1,000 awards to students working toward teaching  
3 degrees at state accredited institutions of higher education who  
4 successfully complete one course in computer science.

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

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2052.



**Report Title:**

DOE; Computer Science Education; Scholarship

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for a scholarship program to be directed and administered by the Department of Education to make awards to students pursuing teaching degrees at state accredited institutions of higher education who successfully complete one course in computer science. (SB971 HD1)

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