
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in today's digital
2 world, government data is the lifeblood of effective governance.
3 It powers critical services, from tax collection to emergency
4 response, and underpins the very fabric of society. As such,
5 safeguarding and ensuring the uninterrupted availability of
6 government data is not merely an option, it is an imperative.

7 The legislature further finds that a power outage, a
8 cooling system malfunction, or a network disruption could bring
9 the entire system to a standstill, with dire consequences for
10 the State's residents and businesses. Any facility must possess
11 multiple power sources, fuel storage, power distribution paths,
12 cooling systems, and heat exchange distribution paths. This
13 redundancy will ensure that the data center can continue to
14 operate even if one system fails, preventing downtime and
15 safeguarding the availability of critical government services.

16 The benefits of a resilient data center extend far beyond
17 the avoidance of downtime. It will foster greater public trust



1 in government operations, as citizens can be confident that
2 their data is secure and accessible even in the face of
3 unforeseen events. Moreover, it will enhance the State's
4 ability to respond to emergencies and natural disasters,
5 ensuring that critical information remains available when it is
6 needed most.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to amend the duties
8 and sunset date of the technology services consolidation working
9 group to ensure that critical state data has the redundancy
10 necessary to continue to operate even if one system fails,
11 preventing downtime and safeguarding the availability of
12 critical government services.

13 SECTION 2. Act 179, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022,
14 section 2, is amended as follows:

15 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

16 "(a) There is established a technology services
17 consolidation working group, that shall:

18 (1) Develop a plan for the phased consolidation of all
19 state executive branch information technology services
20 and staff, where determined practicable by the working
21 group, within five years, excluding the department of



1 education, Hawaii health systems corporation,
2 [University] university of Hawaii, and office of
3 Hawaiian affairs, under the office of enterprise
4 technology services. The plan shall include:

- 5 (A) An identification of the specific positions and
6 functions to be transferred in each department;
- 7 (B) Proposed dates of transfer for each position and
8 function;
- 9 (C) Proposed information technology facility,
10 personnel, and operational infrastructure needs
11 of the consolidated information technology
12 agency, with projections on future integration
13 needs as additional agencies' information
14 technology staff and services are added;
- 15 (D) Recommendations to enable the office of
16 enterprise technology services to provide expert
17 support to all state agencies regarding
18 information technology activities in order to
19 meet the needs of the agencies and the public;
20 and



1 (E) Recommendations to ensure that agency services
2 are not interrupted during the phased
3 consolidation; ~~and~~

4 (2) Make recommendations to attract high-quality
5 information technology professionals to the State,
6 including the use of internships~~[-]~~ and partnerships
7 with private providers and carriers, and assess the
8 feasibility of exempting certain positions from the
9 requirements of chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes~~[-]~~;

11 (3) Relocate the office of enterprise technology services'
12 data center, including the primary data center located
13 in the Kalanimoku building and any satellite data
14 center located in any facility under the management
15 and control of a state agency;

16 (4) Ensure that all consolidated state information
17 technology data to a facility shall possess the
18 resiliency to perform concurrent maintenance or
19 upgrades without down time with multiple power
20 generation, fuel storage, power distribution paths,
21 cooling systems and heat exchange distribution paths



1 that ensure that the data center can continue to
2 operate even if one system fails when a utility power
3 source is not available, without affecting the overall
4 system; and

5 (5) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
6 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature
7 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
8 the regular session of 2025."


9 2. By amending subsection (f) to read:

10 "(f) The working group shall be dissolved on [~~December 31,~~
11 ~~2023.~~] June 30, 2025."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Technology Services Consolidation Working Group; Report

Description:

Amends the duties and sunset date of the Technology Services Consolidation Working Group.

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