

ACT 186

H.B. NO. 33

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Information Technology Steering Committee.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that members of the information technology steering committee have a wealth of institutional knowledge regarding the State's complex information systems. It is therefore in the best interests of the public to allow the members of the information technology steering committee to serve without term limits so their institutional knowledge can continue to assist the chief information officer in developing the State's information technology standards and policies. Additionally, the legislature finds that it is in the best interests of the public for the superintendent of education and president of the University of Hawaii to be able to appoint members to the information technology steering committee.

To ensure both accountability and transparency, the legislature believes that the information technology steering committee should publicly receive the annual report of the office of enterprise technology services at a regularly scheduled committee meeting, prior to the report's submittal to the governor and legislature.

The purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Amend the terms and composition of members of the information technology steering committee; and

- (2) Require the chief information officer to present an annual report to the information technology steering committee for public comment prior to submitting the report to the governor and legislature.

SECTION 2. Section 27-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

“(b) There is established an information technology steering committee to assist the chief information officer in developing the State’s information technology standards and policies, including but not limited to:

- (1) Assisting the chief information officer in developing and implementing the state information technology strategic plans;
- (2) Assessing executive branch departments’ progress in meeting the objectives defined in the state information technology strategic plans and identifying best practices for shared or consolidated services;
- (3) Ensuring technology projects are selected based on their potential impact and risk to the State, as well as their strategic value;
- (4) Ensuring that executive branch departments maintain sufficient tools to assess the value and benefits of technology initiatives;
- (5) Assisting the chief information officer in developing state information technology standards and policies; and
- (6) Clarifying the roles, responsibilities, and authority of the office of enterprise technology services, specifically as it relates to its state-wide duties.

The information technology steering committee shall consist of ~~[eleven]~~ thirteen members, with four members to be appointed by the senate president, four members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one member to be appointed by the chief justice, ~~[and]~~ one member to be appointed by the governor, one member to be appointed by the superintendent of education, and one member to be appointed by the president of the University of Hawaii, and [shall] may include representatives from executive branch departments~~[-, including large user agencies such as the department of education and the University of Hawaii; the judiciary;],~~ the legislature~~[-],~~ and private individuals. The chief information officer shall serve as an ex officio member and as the chair of the committee ~~[and shall ensure that the committee is evaluated periodically].~~ The committee shall select a vice chair from among its members. Each member shall be appointed for four-year terms; provided that each member shall hold office until reappointed by the member’s respective appointing authority at the end of the member’s term or until the member’s successor is appointed.”

2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

“(e) The chief information officer shall ~~[submit]~~ present an annual report ~~[to the governor and the legislature] of the office of enterprise technology services to the information technology steering committee for public comment and shall thereafter, but~~ no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature, submit the annual report to the governor and legislature. The annual report shall include updates on the activities and programs under the authority of the chief information officer and the information technology steering committee, and the expenditures of all moneys received from all sources and deposited into the information technology trust account and the shared services technology special fund.”

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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved July 6, 2021.)