## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a series of	
2	information technology initiatives have been started that will	
3	significantly streamline and raise the automation level of key	
4	department of education operational processes. These	
5	initiativ	es include:
6	(1)	A comprehensive and centralized student information
7		system that provides for longitudinal student
8		tracking, implementation of the standards-based report
9		card, and automating a number of administrative
10		procedures currently done manually at the school
11		level;
12	(2)	A human resources system that includes streamlining
13		the recruiting and hiring process and automating time
14		and attendance;
15	(3)	The integration of three separate and fragmented
16		student support systems currently implemented as the
17		comprehensive student support system, integrated

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              special education system, and the safe school
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              information system; and
              A comprehensive and centralized list of capital
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         (4)
              improvement projects.
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         All of these systems will use the latest web-based
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    technology, necessitating a comprehensive network, data center,
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    and security infrastructure along with support staff to respond
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    to critical concerns and training. These systems will be
    online, real-time systems impacting the productivity of
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    department of education employees from the classroom to office
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    staff.
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         As the department of education undergoes dramatic change in
    implementing Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, the additional
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    workload required will be offset by the productivity increases
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    provided by the successful running of these new applications.
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         The legislature notes that the department of education
    initiatives respond to the findings of the Hawaii Business
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    Roundtable that the department of education does not have the
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    technology needed to generate meaningful data to measure the
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    effectiveness of Act 51. The Business Roundtable has therefore
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    recommended immediate funding for a comprehensive financial
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- 1 management system, human resources system, and a student
- 2 performance system.
- 3 While data is important to guiding policy decisions, data
- 4 does not drive change. Well-informed and well-supported staff
- 5 using data are the agents of change. A comprehensive
- 6 environment that includes financial management, human resources,
- 7 and student performance information systems is necessary for
- 8 staff to do their jobs. This systems approach to information
- 9 technology would help to effect the kind of changes outlined in
- 10 Act 51.
- 11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000, or so
- 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
- 14 provide for information system infrastructure to implement
- 15 initiatives required by Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, and
- 16 to streamline and raise the automation level of key operational
- 17 processes in the department of education, including the
- 18 integration of currently separate student information systems,
- 19 network and data center upgrades, information technology staff
- 20 positions, software licenses, and contracted services.
- 21 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the

- 1 department of education for the purposes of this Act.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

## Report Title:

Education; Information Technology; Information Systems

## Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of education for information technology staff and infrastructure. (SD1)