
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 shortage of school
2 supplies for the classroom and funds to purchase the supplies
3 has been an ongoing problem for many years. The legislature
4 believes that to properly address this problem, purchasing power
5 should be provided at the classroom level: a debit card system
6 should be implemented and teachers should be authorized to use
7 debit cards with a predetermined spending limit for the purchase
8 of necessary school supplies.

9 The benefits of a debit card system include:

- 10 (1) Streamlining the process by which teachers can
11 purchase necessary school supplies and other related
12 curriculum support supplies, thereby eliminating the
13 usual time required to obtain a product and the time
14 lag for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses; and
15 (2) Providing teachers with flexibility for their
16 purchases and allowing them to take advantage of
17 school discounts and sales in the community.



1 The legislature further finds that there are banks willing
2 to assist with establishing a debit card system, at little or no
3 cost to the schools. The system can be set up to provide up-to-
4 date spending information.

5 The purpose of this Act is to allow the principal of each
6 public school to establish and use a debit card system that is
7 based at the individual school for the purpose of purchasing
8 necessary school and other related curriculum support supplies.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§302A- Purchases of supplies; debit card system. (a)

13 The principal of a public school may establish and use a debit
14 card system that is based at the individual school for the
15 purpose of purchasing necessary school and other related
16 curriculum support supplies, as deemed appropriate by the
17 school's academic and financial plan.

18 (b) The board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to
19 chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this section."

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
22 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and



1 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 2 year 2008-2009, to establish, implement, and operate a debit
 3 card system at individual public schools for the purpose of
 4 purchasing necessary school and other related curriculum support
 5 supplies.

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

8 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Education; School Supplies

Description:

Establishes a debit card system to permit teachers to buy school supplies within a predetermined spending limit.

