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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the report of the
 online learning task force established by Act 275, Session Laws
 of Hawaii 2007, provides a plan to the department of education
 for expanding online learning opportunities for students across
 the State. Online learning is a strategic vehicle that will
 define the department as a 21st century learning institution.

7 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of
8 education to adopt and implement recommendations and strategic
9 goals contained in the task force's report.

SECTION 2. The department of education shall adopt the following recommendations of the online learning task force to: (1) Follow a two-pronged delivery model of services and continue to operate the Myron B. Thompson academy full-time cyber academy, or similar schools, as well as establish a Hawaii virtual learning network for supplemental programs;

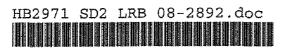
17 (2) Establish a task force to review the State's education
 18 policies, requirements, and oversight functions for
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1		congruency with the needs and potential of online
2		learning;
3	(3)	Allow both parents and students to access information
4		about online curriculum;
5	(4)	Develop and establish a mentoring and training program
6		for online teachers, collaborating with the University
7		of Hawaii department of educational technology as
8		needed;
9	(5)	Develop and establish an online training program to
10		increase the number of highly qualified teachers,
11		administrators, and paraprofessionals;
12	(6)	Provide support and incentives to teachers who become
13		qualified to teach online courses and for teachers who
14		utilize online courses to incorporate project-based
15		and work-relevant learning;
16	(7)	Standardize the procedure for granting credits for
17		online coursework;
18	(8)	Assist schools with online standards-based college
19		preparatory curriculum;
20	(9)	Expand credit recovery courses and remediation
21		courses;



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1	(10)	Emphasize online science, technology, engineering, and
2		mathematics courses and aggressively work to offer
3		certain online courses through the department,
4		including algebra I, English I, eighth-grade math and
5		English, and career guidance;
6	(11)	Expand distance education through interactive digital
7		television;
8	(12)	Establish an online course and resource center to
9		include training modules and other support resources;
10	(13)	Establish online and in-person tutoring and mentoring
11		programs for students, partnering with the University
12		of Hawaii as needed; and
13	(14)	Develop recommendations on appropriate funding
14		mechanisms.
15	The depar	tment shall assess the digital literacy of teachers,
16	students,	and other personnel in order to ensure maximum success
17	of the on	line learning programs. The above recommendations
18	shall be	implemented by the department in consultation with the
19	full task	force recommendations. The department shall
20	systemati	cally establish the infrastructure for online learning
21	based on	institution type, in the following order of priority:
22	high scho	ols (including charter high schools), middle and
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elementary schools, adult community schools, charter middle and
 elementary schools, the University of Hawaii system
 (particularly the community colleges), private secondary and
 post-secondary institutions (for a fee), and adult populations
 for remedial education and upgrading of workforce skill.
 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, and
 be repealed on June 30, 2013.



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Report Title:

DOE; Online Learning Task Force

Description:

Requires the department of education to implement recommendations of the online learning task force. (HB2971 SD2)

