A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
- 2 education receives nearly a quarter of the State's entire
- 3 operating budget, the largest amount of any state agency. The
- 4 legislature also finds that current technologies can allow
- 5 Internet access to fiscal information that provides the public
- 6 with regular updates on how the department is utilizing its
- 7 funds and facilitate increased transparency in the budgeting
- 8 process.
- 9 The purpose of this Act is to require that the department
- 10 of education develop and post a monthly report on the World Wide
- 11 Web that shows revenues, expenditures, and cash on hand in
- 12 sufficient detail to allow an accurate assessment of the fiscal
- 13 condition and the performance of the department.
- 14 SECTION 2. Chapter 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 15 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
- 16 designated and to read as follows:
- 17 "§37- Department of education; online reporting;
- 18 monthly updates. (a) Not later than January 1, 2013, the



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1	department of education, in accordance with this section, shall	
2	establish	, implement, and maintain a single searchable website,
3	updated o	n a monthly basis, accessible by the public at no cost
4	to users,	that includes but is not limited to:
5	(1)	A chart of accounts for all general funds, special
6		funds, federal funds, interdepartmental transfers,
7		revolving funds, and other funds into which monies are
8		deposited for the operations of the department;
9	(2)	The appropriated and allocated amounts for each
10		account, and expenditures to date, with explicit
11		explanations of any anomalies and anticipated
12		variances in each account; and
13	(3)	A monthly summary of income received, expenditures
14		made, balances remaining, costs incurred but not yet
15		expended, cash on hand, and any related information
16		that may assist the legislature and members of the
17		public in understanding the fiscal condition of the
18		department.
19	<u>(b)</u>	The department is authorized to designate one or more
20	state agencies to participate in the development, establishment,	
21	maintenance, and support of the website.	
22	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.	

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Mandates the creation and maintenance of monthly online financial information.

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