
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 schools have a
2 responsibility to prepare students for success in a globally
3 competitive world.

4 During the 2013-2014 school year, the legislature
5 appropriated \$8,200,000 to the department of education to
6 implement the access learning pilot program. In 2013, teachers
7 in eight schools were provided laptop computers and professional
8 development opportunities to assist in integrating technology
9 into their classrooms. In 2014, laptop computers were provided
10 to students. A study of the pilot program by the University of
11 Hawaii at West Oahu found that teachers, students, and parents
12 believed that classroom technology significantly enhanced the
13 quality of public education in Hawaii.

14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to ensure
15 that students have fair access to technology in all public
16 schools.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for laptop
 4 computers or tablets, as deemed necessary by the department of
 5 education, to be used by teachers and students for digital
 6 teaching and learning.

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

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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H.B. NO. 1882

Report Title:

Public Schools; Access to Technology; Laptop and Tablet Computers; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for laptop or tablet computers to be used by teachers and students for digital teaching and learning to ensure that students in public schools have fair access to technology.

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