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## 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 less than a quarter
- 2 of high schools in Hawaii that offer advanced placement
- 3 coursework offer advanced placement computer science classes.
- 4 The legislature also finds that there is a shortage of
- 5 applicants for current computing job openings. In order for
- 6 Hawaii companies to compete nationally and globally, Hawaii
- 7 students need access to comprehensive, grade appropriate
- 8 computer science classes.
- 9 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
- 10 department of education to award scholarships to students
- 11 working toward a teaching degree at a state accredited
- 12 institution of higher education for successful completion of one
- 13 course in computer science.
- 14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and
- 17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

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- 1 year 2020-2021 for a scholarship program, to be established and
- 2 administered by the department of education, which shall
- 3 distribute \$1,000 awards to students working toward a teaching
- 4 degree at a state accredited institution of high education for
- 5 successful completion of one course in computer science.
- 6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 7 of education for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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# S.B. NO. **971**

### Report Title:

Department of Education; Computer Science Education; Scholarship

### Description:

Appropriates funds for a scholarship program to be directed and administered by the department of education to make awards to students pursuing a degree in teaching at a state accredited institution of higher education for successful completion of one course in computer science.

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