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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that developing a uniform
2 financial database for use by all state agencies would improve
3 government accountability and transparency, leverage existing
4 information technology systems, consolidate data from multiple
5 existing systems into a single system of record, and normalize
6 disparate account coding practices used by different state
7 agencies. Aside from implementation of the department of human
8 services kauhale on-line eligibility assistance (KOLEA) database
9 and the department of taxation's tax system modernization
10 program, no substantive progress has been made towards
11 consolidated reporting of any kind at the statewide level.

12 The legislature finds that the department of accounting and
13 general services and the department of budget and finance
14 together need to implement a state-of-the-art consolidated
15 uniform financial reporting system for the entire executive
16 branch. The uniform system needs to be able to provide timely
17 information to the legislature at various summary levels, and at



1 a detail level to the lowest available tracked organizational
2 code. Such a system should be comparable to enterprise
3 reporting programs and business analytics tools used in the
4 private sector.

5 The legislature further finds that a uniform financial
6 database system should capture and report data including project
7 budgets, appropriations, scheduling, contractor documentation,
8 contract changes, and payment transactions. This system could
9 be a major boon to all agencies in the improved management of
10 available funds by reducing the need to rely on estimates and
11 approximations.

12 SECTION 2. The department of accounting and general
13 services and the department of budget and finance shall:

- 14 (1) In consultation with the office of enterprise and
15 technology services, develop and implement a uniform
16 financial database for use by leveraging features from
17 existing or new state-of-the-art systems;
- 18 (2) Ensure that all executive branch departments
19 participate at the appropriate phases of the
20 development and implementation of the system; and



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1 (3) Submit an annual report to the legislature regarding
 2 development and implementation of a uniform financial
 3 database. The report shall include but not be limited
 4 to an implementation schedule, status of the
 5 initiative, amount and allocation of appropriated
 6 funds, sufficiency of resource commitments, and
 7 organizational problems and solutions.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021.

11 SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
 12 department of accounting and general services and the department
 13 of budget and finance for the development and implementation of
 14 a uniform financial database as described in section 2 of this
 15 Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

Information Technology; State Agencies; Financial Database; Development; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of accounting and general services and the department of budget and finance, in consultation with the office of enterprise technology services, to develop and implement a uniform financial database, with parameters, benefits, and features that are compatible to the software system currently being implemented by the office of enterprise technology services at other agencies for use by all state agencies. Appropriates funds.

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