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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus  
2 disease 2019 pandemic has required many state employees to work  
3 from home or other remote locations to maintain social  
4 distancing and prevent the spread of the virus. However, the  
5 relocation of state employees to non-traditional work  
6 environments has left an indelible impression on the  
7 possibilities of how state work can be accomplished.

8           The legislature also finds that working from home or other  
9 off-worksites has demonstrated cost-effectiveness and  
10 productivity in rendering public services. Remote teleworking  
11 can and should continue to remain an important option for state  
12 employees who can accomplish their duties outside of their  
13 traditional work environment. Social distancing and decreasing  
14 employees' physical presence in state facilities can continue to  
15 provide a defense against the spread of infectious disease as  
16 well as enable more cost-efficient use of state office  
17 facilities.



1           The legislature has determined that employees working  
2 off-site enables the State to make better use of its limited  
3 resources, including but not limited to office space,  
4 furnishing, equipment, electrical and data requirements, storage  
5 space, and other traditional needs of employees who work at  
6 state facilities. Employees who can accomplish the same work  
7 from an off-site location may prefer to work at home to  
8 accommodate caregiving of keiki and kupuna. These  
9 considerations can result in a win-win outcome for taxpayers and  
10 state employees.

11           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
12 accounting and general services to establish and enforce a  
13 virtual private network policy in order to provide state  
14 employees teleworking from home or other off-worksites locations  
15 access to otherwise closed state network resources through the  
16 internet in a secure and uniform manner.

17           SECTION 2. Section 26-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

19           "(b) The department shall:

20           (1) Preaudit and conduct after-the-fact audits of the  
21           financial accounts of all state departments to



- 1           determine the legality of expenditures and the  
2           accuracy of accounts;
- 3           (2) Report to the governor and to each regular session of  
4           the legislature as to the finances of each department  
5           of the State;
- 6           (3) Administer the state risk management program;
- 7           (4) Establish and manage motor pools;
- 8           (5) Manage the preservation and disposal of all records of  
9           the State;
- 10          (6) Undertake the program of centralized engineering and  
11          office leasing services, including operation and  
12          maintenance and lease buyback processing pursuant to  
13          subsection (d) of public buildings, for departments of  
14          the State;
- 15          (7) Undertake the functions of the state surveyor;
- 16          (8) Establish accounting and internal control systems;
- 17          (9) Under the direction of the chief information officer,  
18          provide centralized computer information management  
19          and processing services;





# S.B. NO. 1016

**Report Title:**

DAGS; Virtual Private Networks; State Employees; Internet Access

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish and enforce a virtual private network policy to allow state employees to access specified state resources on the internet.

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