A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
- 2 human resources development is committed to providing the best
- 3 quality services to the State's employees and to recruiting and
- 4 retaining the best and brightest personnel. The department's
- 5 employees are committed to making the State a desirable place to
- 6 work and support the fourteen thousand state employees
- 7 associated with the department.
- 8 The legislature further finds that State agencies are
- 9 currently facing staffing shortages and that the average length
- 10 of time to hire a state employee can and should be reduced. The
- 11 legislature recognizes that technology-related infrastructure,
- 12 equipment, employees, and resources are key to helping the
- 13 department of human resources development address this staffing
- 14 shortage. However, the legislature has received reports that
- 15 the department of human resources development is lacking in
- 16 these technology-related resources. For example, eighty per
- 17 cent of the department's employees are using computers that are

- 1 more than ten years old. The legislature believes that
- 2 modernizing the computers and network infrastructure of the
- 3 department of human resources development will allow it to
- 4 provide faster responses, improve digital efficiencies, reduce
- 5 paper usage, and help the department better fulfill its mission.
- 6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
- 7 funds to enhance the department of human resources development's
- 8 technology resources, so that it can better administer the state
- 9 human resources program, including human resources development
- 10 and training, and central human resources services such as
- 11 recruitment, examination, classification, pay administration,
- 12 and payment of any claims as required under chapter 386, Hawaii
- 13 Revised Statutes.
- 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 2023-2024 and
- 17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 18 year 2024-2025 for the enhancement of technology resources for
- 19 the department of human resources development, including the
- 20 establishment of full-time equivalent (FTE)
- 21 positions in the department of human resources development.

- 1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 2 of human resources development for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.

Report Title:

DHRD; Technology Resources; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the enhancement of technology resources for the Department of Human Resources Development. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD2)

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