A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

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

1   PART I

2   SECTION 1. The legislature finds that artificial

3 intelligence has the potential to support personalized learning,

4 reduce educator workload, and expand access for rural and

5 underserved communities. However, unregulated or inequitable

6 deployment may exacerbate existing disparities, undermine

7 student privacy, or reduce human interaction in the learning

8 process.

9   The purpose of this Act is to establish statewide guidance,

10 safeguards, and supports for the responsible integration of

11 artificial intelligence in Hawaii's public schools and public

12 institutions of higher education by establishing:

13   (1) An artificial intelligence in education task force;

14   and

15   (2) Procurement and use standards for artificial

16   intelligence tools.

17   PART II

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1   SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department

2 of education for administrative purposes an artificial

3 intelligence in education task force.

4   (b) The superintendent of education, or the

5 superintendent's designee, shall be the chair of the artificial

6 intelligence in education task force.

7   (c) The artificial intelligence in education task force

8 shall be composed of representatives from the following

9 entities, to be designated by the agency's executive officer or

10 designee:

11   (1) The university of Hawaii;

12   (2) Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education;

13   (3) Hawaii State Teachers Association, including

14   representatives of rural communities and the neighbor

15   islands; and

16   (4) Public school administrators, including

17   representatives of rural communities and the neighbor

18   islands.

19   (d) The chair of the artificial intelligence in education

20 task force shall invite the following individuals to participate

21 in the task force:

1   (1)   Students of department of education schools in the

2   State;

3   (2)   Students of the university of Hawaii;

4   (3)   A data-privacy expert or civil rights expert;

5   (4)   A Native Hawaiian education specialist; and

6   (5)   Technology and cybersecurity professionals.

7   (e)   The artificial intelligence in education task force

8 shall develop:

9   (1)   Model statewide guidance on the use of artificial

10   intelligence as an instructional tool, including

11   recommended human-in-the-loop practices;

12   (2)   Data privacy and vendor transparency standards,

13   including disclosure of training datasets, bias

14   testing, and audit provisions;

15   (3)   Digital equity recommendations for rural schools and

16   campuses in the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai;

17   (4)   Professional-development guidelines for educators

18   integrating artificial intelligence into teaching; and

19   (5)   A framework for evaluating student learning outcomes

20   in artificial intelligence-supported classrooms.

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1   (f) The members of the artificial intelligence in

2   education task force shall serve without compensation but may be

3   entitled to reimbursement for expenses, including travel

4   expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

5   (g) The artificial intelligence in education task force

6   shall submit reports of its findings and recommendations,

7   including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later

8   than December 1 of 2027, 2028, and 2029.

9   (h) The artificial intelligence in education task force

10   shall cease to exist on December 31, 2029.

11   SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general

12   revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so

13   much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for

14   the artificial intelligence in education task force.

15   The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of

16   education for the purposes of this Act.

17   PART III

18   SECTION 4. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

19   amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated

20   and to read as follows:

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1   **"§302A-**   <u>Artificial intelligence tools; procurement;</u>

2 <u>**usage.**   Before the procurement or use of an artificial</u>

3 <u>intelligence tool, the superintendent shall obtain from the</u>

4 <u>vendor for the artificial intelligence tool documentation</u>

5 <u>certifying:</u>

6   <u>(1)   Student-data privacy compliance;</u>

7   <u>(2)   Information on training datasets and bias-mitigation</u>

8   <u>testing;</u>

9   <u>(3)   Auditability of outputs by demographic group; and</u>

10   <u>(4)   Transparent reporting of limitations and risks.</u>"

11   SECTION 5.   Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated

13 and to read as follows:

14   **"§304A-**   <u>Artificial intelligence tools; procurement;</u>

15 <u>**usage.**   Before the procurement or use of an artificial</u>

16 <u>intelligence tool, the chief financial officer shall obtain from</u>

17 <u>the vendor for the artificial intelligence tool documentation</u>

18 <u>certifying:</u>

19   <u>(1)   Student-data privacy compliance;</u>

20   <u>(2)   Information on training datasets and bias-mitigation</u>

21   <u>testing;</u>

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1   (3) Auditability of outputs by demographic group; and

2   (4) Transparent reporting of limitations and risks."

3   PART IV

4   SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

5   SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:
Department of Education; University of Hawaii; Artificial
Intelligence; Task Force; Procurement Standards; Appropriation

Description:
Establishes an Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force
to develop guidelines and recommendations for the use of
artificial intelligence in state public education. Requires the
Superintendent of Education and Chief Financial Officer of the
University of Hawaii to receive certain documentation from a
vendor of an artificial intelligence tool before the procurement
or use of the artificial intelligence tool. Appropriates funds.

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