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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LITERACY EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart B, to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 **"§302A-A Artificial intelligence literacy; curricula plan;**
5 **public schools; artificial intelligence policy.** (a) The
6 department shall develop and implement a statewide artificial
7 intelligence literacy curricula plan for public school students
8 in eleventh and twelfth grades.

9 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, all public
10 schools shall provide instruction in artificial intelligence
11 literacy for students in grades eleven and twelve. All students
12 in grades eleven and twelve shall complete a course in
13 artificial intelligence literacy and obtain a passing grade in
14 the course as a condition for graduation. The artificial
15 intelligence literacy course curriculum shall be six weeks at
16 minimum with a curriculum that shall include but not be limited
17 to:



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1 (1) Defining artificial intelligence and its key concepts;

2 (2) Comprehending the fundamentals of artificial

3 intelligence perception, machine learning, and

4 generative artificial intelligence;

5 (3) Applying best practices for artificial intelligence

6 use, including in academic and professional settings;

7 (4) Analyzing the ethical implications and prioritizing

8 the ethical use of artificial intelligence;

9 (5) Examining continuing innovations in artificial

10 intelligence technology;

11 (6) Analyzing artificial intelligence as it relates to the

12 State's history, environment, and culture; and

13 (7) Understanding the public school's artificial

14 intelligence policy developed pursuant to subsection

15 (d).

16 The department shall review and determine the courses into
17 which artificial intelligence literacy shall be integrated.

18 (c) The board shall provide teachers with professional
19 development to teach artificial intelligence literacy courses.

20 The board shall determine a list of approved courses and
21 providers who offer professional development in artificial



1 intelligence literacy. The board may collaborate with the
2 advisory council for artificial intelligence education to carry
3 out the purposes of this subsection. A teacher shall complete
4 artificial intelligence literacy professional development and be
5 certified as an artificial intelligence literacy teacher before
6 teaching artificial intelligence literacy courses in public
7 schools.

8 (d) Each public school shall develop an artificial
9 intelligence policy in consultation with its students' parents
10 and the local community that outlines acceptable and ethical use
11 of artificial intelligence tools by students and staff. Each
12 artificial intelligence literacy teacher shall incorporate their
13 public school's artificial intelligence policy into the
14 curriculum of the artificial intelligence literacy course.

15 (e) For the purposes of this section, "artificial
16 intelligence" has the same meaning as defined in title 15 United
17 States Code section 9401(3)."

18 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding a new section to part III, subpart C, to be
20 appropriately designated and to read as follows:



1 "§302A-B Advisory council for artificial intelligence
2 education. (a) The board shall appoint an advisory council for
3 artificial intelligence education composed of or more
4 representatives of the local artificial intelligence industry.
5 Appointments shall be for a term of two years with
6 reappointments optional but not to exceed a total of six years
7 on the advisory council.

8 (b) The advisory council for artificial intelligence
9 education shall:

10 (1) Develop an artificial intelligence literacy teacher
11 certification program for teachers to fulfill the
12 professional development requirements pursuant to
13 section 302A-A(c);
14 (2) Provide continued education opportunities and coaching
15 to artificial intelligence literacy teachers in public
16 schools; and
17 (3) Curate resources for public schools to enhance
18 artificial intelligence literacy courses.

19 (c) For the purposes of this section, "artificial
20 intelligence" has the same meaning as defined in section
21 302A-A(e)."



1 SECTION 3. (a) There is established within the department
2 of education a three-year artificial intelligence education
3 grant pilot program.

4 (b) The pilot program shall provide grants to public
5 schools to facilitate the:

6 (1) Participation of eligible teachers in training
7 programs to fulfill their artificial intelligence
8 literacy professional development requirements
9 pursuant to section 302A-A(c); and

10 (2) Development of supplementary curriculum and materials
11 for artificial intelligence literacy courses in public
12 schools, including the creation of culturally
13 responsive lesson plans that examine artificial
14 intelligence concepts as they relate to the State's
15 history, environment, and culture.

16 (c) The pilot program shall provide grants under the
17 following terms, conditions, and standards:

18 (1) The total amount of a grant to any one public school
19 shall not exceed \$;



(2) No grant shall be awarded for costs that were incurred before a public school's application for and receipt of a grant;

(3) No grant moneys shall be used for purposes other than described in subsection (b) and establishing and improving a corps of artificial intelligence literacy teachers in the State;

(4) No grant moneys shall be used for the purposes of entertainment or perquisites;

(5) All activities undertaken with grant funds received shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and county laws and regulations;

(6) The grantee shall:

(A) Indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims arising out of or resulting from activities carried out or projects undertaken with funds received from the pilot program; and

(B) Obtain sufficient insurance to provide indemnification under subparagraph (A), if



1 requested to do so by the department of
2 education; and

3 (7) The grantee shall agree to make available to the
4 department of education all records the grantee may
5 have relating to the grant to monitor the grantee's
6 compliance with the requirements of the pilot program.

7 (d) The department of education shall adopt rules in
8 accordance with chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to carry
9 out the purposes of this section, including rules on the
10 standards, policies, and procedures for the administration of
11 the artificial intelligence education grant pilot program.

12 (e) The department of education shall submit interim
13 reports on the status of the artificial intelligence education
14 grant pilot program to the legislature no later than twenty days
15 prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2027 and 2028.
16 The department of education shall submit a final report on the
17 artificial intelligence education grant pilot program, including
18 any findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the
19 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
20 the regular session of 2029.



1 (f) The artificial intelligence education grant pilot
2 program shall cease to exist on June 30, 2029.

3 (g) For the purposes of this section:

4 "Artificial intelligence" has the same meaning as defined
5 in section 302A-A(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 "Eligible teacher" means a teacher working at a public
7 school in the State who educates grade eleven or twelve.

8 "Public school" means a department of education school
9 governed by chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the
13 development and implementation of the artificial intelligence
14 education grant pilot program.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 education for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by sections
18 1 and 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
19 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
20 the new sections in this Act.

21 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

DOE; Public Schools; Artificial Intelligence; Literacy; Curricula; Policy; Advisory Council; Grant Pilot Program; Establishment; Reports; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a statewide Artificial Intelligence Literacy Curricula Plan for students in eleventh and twelfth grades, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year as a condition for graduation. Establishes the Advisory Council for Artificial Intelligence Education. Establishes a three-year Artificial Intelligence Education Grant Pilot Program within the Department of Education. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

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