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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii  
2 is unique among all other states in the nation for having  
3 driver's license and motor vehicle application systems managed  
4 and operated by a county within the state instead of having a  
5 state managed and operated application system. This arrangement  
6 has its roots in the earliest days of statehood and the unique  
7 make-up of the four counties of the State.

8           The legislature further finds that the application system  
9 currently being managed and operated by the city and county of  
10 Honolulu was developed in the 1970's and operates on a system of  
11 code that has become increasingly antiquated and that hinders  
12 further development and maintenance of this system due to its  
13 outdated technology. Furthermore, the current application  
14 system is operated on a mainframe hosted in the city and county  
15 that itself is becoming increasingly outdated.



1           The legislature finds that the upgrade of the existing  
2 application system will increase efficiency of operations,  
3 enable easier access to these systems by the departments of  
4 motor vehicles and law enforcement which access this  
5 information, and will reduce maintenance costs by switching from  
6 a physical mainframe maintained by the city and county of  
7 Honolulu to a cloud-based service.

8           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide a  
9 grant-in-aid to the department of information technology of the  
10 city and county of Honolulu for the upgrade of this vital  
11 system.

12           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000,000 or so  
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 as a  
15 grant-in-aid to the department of information technology of the  
16 city and county of Honolulu for the implementation of upgrades  
17 to the driver's license and motor vehicle application systems.

18           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 information technology of the city and county of Honolulu for  
20 the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY: *Wm. W. J.*  
By Request



# S.B. NO. 2523

**Report Title:**

City and County of Honolulu Mayor's Package; Department of Information Technology; DMV systems; Grant-in-Aid; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys as a grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Information Technology to upgrade the driver's license and motor vehicle application systems.

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