

ACT 179

S.B. NO. 3284

A Bill for an Act Relating to Information Technology Services.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that large organizations like the State of Hawaii could benefit from consolidating information technology services to gain economies of scale and provide for a more efficient and secure use of technology and information management. The consolidation of information technology services will also help to ensure that the State remains in compliance with growing regulatory requirements for accessibility, information storage, data sharing, and security, especially in light of recent high-profile attacks on government computer systems by hackers.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a working group to develop a plan for the phased consolidation of information technology services and staff within executive branch agencies in a five-year timespan, excluding the department of education, Hawaii health systems corporation, University of Hawaii, and office of Hawaiian affairs.

SECTION 2. (a) There is established a technology services consolidation working group, that shall:

- (1) Develop a plan for the phased consolidation of all state executive branch information technology services and staff, where determined practicable by the working group, within five years, excluding the department of education, Hawaii health systems corporation, University of Hawaii, and office of Hawaiian affairs, under the office of enterprise technology services. The plan shall include:

- (A) An identification of the specific positions and functions to be transferred in each department;
 - (B) Proposed dates of transfer for each position and function;
 - (C) Proposed information technology facility, personnel, and operational infrastructure needs of the consolidated information technology agency, with projections on future integration needs as additional agencies' information technology staff and services are added;
 - (D) Recommendations to enable the office of enterprise technology services to provide expert support to all state agencies regarding information technology activities in order to meet the needs of the agencies and the public; and
 - (E) Recommendations to ensure that agency services are not interrupted during the phased consolidation; and
- (2) Make recommendations to attract high-quality information technology professionals to the State, including the use of internships, and assess the feasibility of exempting certain positions from the requirements of chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- (b) Members of the working group shall include:
- (1) The chief information officer, who shall serve as chairperson;
 - (2) The single executive or the chairperson of the executive board, as the case may be, of each principal executive branch department or that person's designee, excluding the department of education, Hawaii health systems corporation, University of Hawaii, and office of Hawaiian affairs; and
 - (3) Any other person that the chief information officer wishes to invite to serve on the working group.
- (c) The working group shall be administratively attached to the department of accounting and general services. The office of enterprise technology services shall provide administrative support to the working group.
- (d) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2023, the working group shall submit to the legislature a preliminary status report. This preliminary status report shall also include any findings, recommendations, proposed legislation, and funding requirements necessary for the completion of the plan for a phased consolidation of state information technology services.
- (e) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024, the working group shall submit to the legislature a report of its findings and recommendations, including:
- (1) The plan for a phased consolidation of state information technology services developed pursuant to subsection (a)(1), including a detailed five-year phase-in schedule;
 - (2) Recommendations to attract high-quality information technology professionals to the State; and
 - (3) Any proposed legislation.
- (f) The working group shall be dissolved on December 31, 2023.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 27, 2022.)