

ACT 233

S.B. NO. 2184

A Bill for an Act Relating to Digital Learning.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that digital learning will continue to be a critical component of education in the twenty-first century. Digital learning also has the potential to promote the equitable delivery of high-quality educational offerings to students statewide. The legislature further finds that the department of education needs a comprehensive and dedicated operation to manage the quality and delivery of digital learning services.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a digital learning center within the department of education and appropriate funds to staff and administer the digital learning center.

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

“§302A- Digital learning center. There is established within the department a digital learning center. The purpose of the digital learning center shall be to:

- (1) Improve the quality and delivery of digital learning services throughout the public school system;
- (2) Provide resources and services that help students develop and improve their digital literacy skills; and
- (3) Provide resources and services to promote safe computing practices.”

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$7,099,062.57 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the purposes of establishing a digital learning center, including but not limited to facilities, equipment, properties, operating expenses, and personnel.

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

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Approved June 30, 2022.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.