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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 education is one of the largest departments in the State with
3 two hundred fifty-six schools and forty-two thousand full-time
4 and part-time employees. In addition to the superintendent of
5 education, there is one deputy superintendent, one senior
6 assistant superintendent, and four assistant superintendents,
7 one of which is the assistant superintendent for information
8 technology services, who oversees six branches and directs a
9 central and field staff of approximately one hundred eighty
10 employees. Although part of the state executive branch, the
11 department of education, unlike other executive branch
12 departments, continues to completely handle its own information
13 technology services, including operating its own broadband
14 network, internet services, help desk, email systems, and data
15 center and independently undertaking information technology
16 budget preparation and execution. While large departments like
17 the department of education may always need to have its own



1 information technology staff for certain functions, especially
2 where intimate knowledge of the educational functions and
3 processes of the department is essential, there may be
4 significant benefits to working collaboratively within the
5 executive branch and more closely with other departments and the
6 office of enterprise technology.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require the office of
8 enterprise technology services, in collaboration with the
9 department of education, to establish a working group to study
10 the department of education's information technology
11 infrastructure, operations, and services.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The office of enterprise technology
13 services, in collaboration with the department of education,
14 shall convene a working group to evaluate the department of
15 education's information technology infrastructure, operations
16 and services, including but not limited to:

17 (1) Identifying and reviewing duplicative, overlapping, or
18 common services and infrastructure provided by the
19 department of education and office of enterprise
20 technology services;



1 (2) Recommending which information technologies functions
2 are best conducted entirely by the department of
3 education, entirely by the office of enterprise
4 technology services, or in collaboration with the
5 office of enterprise technology services or other
6 departments;

7 (3) Identifying operational efficiencies and cost savings
8 that may result from such recommendations, as well as
9 enhancements to the educational mission of the
10 department of education and those collaborating
11 partners; and

12 (4) Refining the working and reporting information
13 technology relationships between the department of
14 education, other executive branch departments, and the
15 office of enterprise technology services.

16 (b) The working group shall submit a report of its
17 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
18 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of 2019.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Description:

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