A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that developing a uniform financial database for use by all state agencies would improve government accountability and transparency, leverage existing information technology systems, consolidate data from multiple existing systems into a single system of record, and normalize disparate account coding practices used by different state agencies. Aside from implementation of the department of human services kauhale on-line eligibility assistance (KOLEA) database and the department of taxation's tax system modernization program, no substantive progress has been made towards consolidated reporting of any kind at the statewide level.

The legislature finds that the department of accounting and general services and the department of budget and finance together need to implement a state-of-the-art consolidated uniform financial reporting system for the entire executive branch. The uniform system needs to be able to provide timely information to the legislature at various summary levels, and at
a detail level to the lowest available tracked organizational
code. Such a system should be comparable to enterprise
reporting programs and business analytics tools used in the
private sector.

The legislature further finds that a uniform financial
database system should capture and report data including project
budgets, appropriations, scheduling, contractor documentation,
contract changes, and payment transactions. This system could
be a major boon to all agencies in the improved management of
available funds by reducing the need to rely on estimates and
approximations.

SECTION 2. The department of accounting and general
services and the department of budget and finance shall:
(1) In consultation with the office of enterprise and
technology services, develop and implement a uniform
financial database for use by leveraging features from
existing or new state-of-the-art systems;
(2) Ensure that all executive branch departments
participate at the appropriate phases of the
development and implementation of the system; and
(3) Submit an annual report to the legislature regarding
development and implementation of a uniform financial
database. The report shall include but not be limited
to an implementation schedule, status of the
initiative, amount and allocation of appropriated
funds, sufficiency of resource commitments, and
organizational problems and solutions.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so
much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021.

SECTION 4. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
department of accounting and general services and the department
of budget and finance for the development and implementation of
a uniform financial database as described in section 2 of this
Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:
Information Technology; State Agencies; Financial Database; Development; Appropriation

Description:
Requires the department of accounting and general services and the department of budget and finance, in consultation with the office of enterprise technology services, to develop and implement a uniform financial database, with parameters, benefits, and features that are compatible to the software system currently being implemented by the office of enterprise technology services at other agencies for use by all state agencies. Appropriates funds.

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