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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 assistant superintendent, the assistant superintendent for
8 information technology services, oversees six branches and
9 directs a central and field staff of approximately one hundred
10 eighty employees.

11 Although the department of education is part of the state
12 executive branch, unlike other executive branch departments it
13 continues to completely handle its own information technology
14 services, including operating its own broadband network,
15 internet services, help desk, e-mail systems, and data center
16 and independently undertaking information technology budget
17 preparation and execution. While a large department like the



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

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

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

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



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- 1 (2) Recommending which information technology functions
2 are best conducted entirely by the department of
3 education, entirely by the office of enterprise
4 technology services, or by the department of education
5 in collaboration with the office of enterprise
6 technology services or other departments;
- 7 (3) Identifying operational efficiencies and cost savings
8 that may result from the recommendations, as well as
9 enhancements to the educational mission of the
10 department of education and any collaborating
11 departments; 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 consist of the following
17 members:
- 18 (1) The state chief information officer, or the chief
19 information officer's designee, who shall serve as
20 chair of the working group;



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- 1 (2) A representative from Transform Hawaii Government, to
2 be appointed by the governor without regard to the
3 senate confirmation requirement of section 26-34,
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, or the representative's
5 designee;
- 6 (3) The University of Hawaii's chief information officer,
7 or the chief information officer's designee, who shall
8 be an ex officio, nonvoting member;
- 9 (4) The department of education chief information officer,
10 or the chief information officer's designee, who shall
11 be an ex officio, nonvoting member;
- 12 (5) The superintendent of education, or the
13 superintendent's designee, who shall be an ex officio,
14 nonvoting member; and
- 15 (6) The department of education chief academic officer, or
16 the chief academic officer's designee, who shall be an
17 ex officio, nonvoting member.
- 18 (c) The working group shall submit a report of its
19 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
20 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
21 to the convening of the regular session of 2020.



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1 (d) The working group shall cease to exist on March 31,
2 2020.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
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Report Title:

Information Technology; DOE; Office of Enterprise Technology Services; Working Group

Description:

Requires the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, in collaboration with the Department of Education, to establish a working group to study the Department of Education's information technology infrastructure, operations, and services. Establishes the members and duties of the working group.

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