A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has required many state employees to work from home or other remote locations to maintain social distancing and prevent the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. However, the relocation of state employees to non-traditional work environments has left an indelible impression on the possibilities of how state work can be accomplished.

The legislature also finds that working from home or other off-worksites has demonstrated cost-effectiveness and productivity in rendering public services. Remote teleworking can and should continue to remain an important option for state employees who can accomplish their duties outside of their traditional work environment. Social distancing and decreasing employees’ physical presence in state facilities can continue to provide a defense against the spread of infectious disease as well as enable more cost-efficient use of state office facilities.
The legislature has determined that employees working off-site enables the State to make better use of its limited resources, including but not limited to office space, furnishing, equipment, electrical and data requirements, storage space, and other traditional needs of employees who work at state facilities. Employees who can accomplish the same work from an off-site location may prefer to work at home to accommodate the caregiving of keiki and kupuna. These considerations can result in a win-win outcome for taxpayers and state employees.

The purpose of this Act is to require the office of enterprise technology services to establish policies and work with departments and agencies to provide infrastructure and resources to permit authorized state employees teleworking from home or other off-worksites to securely access remote computing services.

SECTION 2. Section 27-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) There is established within the department of accounting and general services the office of enterprise technology services, which shall be headed by a full-time chief
information officer to organize, manage, and oversee statewide information technology governance. The chief information officer shall be appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34. The chief information officer shall report directly to the governor and shall:

(1) Develop, implement, and manage statewide information technology governance;

(2) Develop, implement, and manage the state information technology strategic plans;

(3) Develop and implement statewide technology standards;

(4) Work with each executive branch department and agency to develop and maintain its respective multi-year information technology strategic and tactical plans and road maps that are part of the State's overall information technology strategic plans, road maps, and directions;

(5) Coordinate each executive branch department and agency's information technology budget request, forecast, and procurement purchase to ensure compliance with the department or agency's strategic plan and road map and with the office of enterprise
technology services' information technology governance
processes and enterprise architecture policies and
standards, including policies and standards for
systems, services, hardware, software, and security
management;

(6) Report annually to the governor and the legislature on
the status and implementation of the state information
technology strategic plan;

(7) Update the state information technology strategic plan
every four years;

(8) Perform other necessary or desirable functions to
facilitate the intent of this section;

(9) Employ persons exempt from chapters 76 and 89;

(10) Provide centralized computer information management
and processing services, coordination in the use of
all information processing equipment, software,
facilities, and services in the executive branch of
the State, and consultation and support services in
the use of information processing and management
technologies to improve the efficiency, effectiveness,
and productivity of state government programs;
(11) Establish, coordinate, and manage a program to provide a means for public access to public information and develop and operate an information network in conjunction with overall plans for establishing a communication backbone for state government; [and]

(12) Adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, necessary for the purposes of this part[;] and

(13) Establish policies, in collaboration with departments and agencies, to provide infrastructure and resources to permit authorized employees to securely access remote computing services."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Office Of Enterprise Technology Services; State Employees;
Secure Remote Work Technologies

Description:
Requires the office of enterprise technology services to establish policies, in collaboration with departments and agencies to, provide infrastructure and resources to permit authorized employees to securely access remote computing services. (SD1)

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