
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRAINING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the expanding
2 technical components of Hawaii's New Economy--dual-use
3 opportunities, digital media, life and health sciences,
4 agribusiness, and natural sciences--demands a highly trained and
5 skilled workforce to be developed in a phased-in approach over
6 the next ten years.

7 The purpose of this Act is to work within the broad
8 partnerships that the department of labor and industrial
9 relations, the workforce development council, and the
10 county-level workforce investment boards are presently
11 developing. Specifically, this Act would support partnership
12 workforce development and outreach considerations, which address
13 state business, education, and labor goals.

14 Partnerships efforts will complement and expand existing
15 programs on the neighbor islands such as Project EAST
16 (Environment and Spatial Technology), Women in Technology,
17 Kauai's Aloha 'Ike programs, North Kohala's Community Resource
18 Center, and other similar projects between schools and



1 businesses in the state. These programs operate successfully on
2 the neighbor islands and serve as models for local and regional
3 development. Developing comparable programs on Oahu will create
4 an educational pipeline to the University of Hawaii and the
5 community colleges statewide.

6 Partnership efforts will also focus on creating excitement
7 for new business development and careers in science and
8 technology through collaborative marketing, exhibition,
9 communication efforts with the Bishop Museum Science Center,
10 'Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo, Gateway Center at NELHA, the
11 Maui Food Technology Institute, and Kauai Technology Center.
12 Corporate sponsorships, such as the Hawaiian Tel internship
13 program, will encourage the development of a sustainable trained
14 local workforce through mentoring, apprenticeships, and the
15 "Kama'aina Come Home" campaign.

16 Capitalizing on existing private sector partnerships will
17 enhance outreach to technology-based foundations and
18 philanthropists, encourage entrepreneurship, and build new
19 incentives for food, fuel, and technology sustainability for
20 generations to come.

1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
2 Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., for the purpose
3 of improving and expanding our technology workforce.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 as a grant
7 to the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., pursuant
8 to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to expand technology
9 training opportunities statewide; provided that no funds shall
10 be expended unless matching funds are provided and resulting
11 projects are consistent with the state plan for workforce
12 development prepared by the workforce development council.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

Report Title:

Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to EDAH for the expansion of technology training opportunities. (SD1)

