
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
5 and skilled workforce to be developed in a phased-in approach
6 over 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, the
10 'Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo, the Gateway Center at NELHA,
11 the Maui Food Technology Institute, and the Kauai Technology
12 Center. Corporate sponsorships, such as through Hawaiian Telcom
13 Ho'olaulima, will encourage the development of a sustainable
14 trained local workforce through mentoring, apprenticeships, and
15 the "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
7 grant to the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, Inc.,
8 pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to expand
9 technology training opportunities statewide; provided that no
10 funds shall be expended unless matching funds are provided.

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

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

SB2078, SD1

Report Title:

Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; Appropriation

Description:

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

