
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LABOR.

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

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PART I

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SECTION 1. Career and technical education, including

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apprenticeship education and job upgrade training, have been an

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integral component of the community college system of the

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University of Hawaii (community college system) since 1964. The

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community college system presently serves as the state's major

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resource in preparing and re-educating Hawaii's workforce in

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these changing economic times offering short-term training,

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certificates, and associate degree programs in more than one

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hundred twenty specialty areas. In addition, the employment

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training center of the community college system has developed

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considerable knowledge and expertise in working with

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hard-to-serve non-traditional students in a focused job

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preparation setting. This has significantly improved the

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state's ability to field a skilled workforce in many different

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Recent closings of businesses with a long history in

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Hawaii, as well as the closing of many plantations, including



1 the recent announcement that the Del Monte Corporation will soon
2 cease pineapple operations on Oahu and Kauai, has created a need
3 for a shifting of the skilled labor force. Rapid response to
4 these types of incidences that allow for the expeditious
5 training of workers in other skills that will allow them to
6 return to the labor market is paramount. Providing vocational
7 and industrial training, including training in new and
8 innovative industries, promotes a healthy and productive society
9 and will continue to serve to strengthen our economy.

10 The purpose of this part is to statutorily establish a
11 rapid response development and training program within the
12 community college system of the University of Hawaii.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
15 to read as follows:

16 **"PART RAPID RESPONSE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM"**

17 **§305-A Purpose.** The purpose of this part is to establish
18 a rapid response development and training program in the State
19 of Hawaii and to determine the extent to which the employment
20 needs of individuals can be met by either job training, a public
21 service job, or a combination of both.



1 **§305-B Establishment of programs.** (a) There is
2 established within the community college system, a rapid
3 response development and training program for the various
4 industries in the state. The training program shall assist
5 those unemployed and underemployed persons who cannot reasonably
6 be expected to obtain suitable full-time employment without the
7 benefit of training. Instruction and training shall be provided
8 by the department of education, the community college system,
9 the Manoa and Hilo campuses of the University of Hawaii, or
10 other suitable agencies. Where a need is indicated to overcome
11 barriers to possible training, the community college system,
12 either on its own or in cooperation with the various departments
13 and agencies of the state and county governments and private
14 industry, may arrange for transportation, child care, health
15 care, and other aids to employment. The community college
16 system may also formulate and implement a program providing
17 useful public service employment to unemployed persons other
18 than public assistance recipients.

19 (b) The department of human services may formulate and
20 implement a program providing useful public service employment
21 to public assistance recipients. Refusal to accept suitable
22 work as determined by the department of human services without



1 justifiable reasons shall render an unemployed or underemployed
2 recipient ineligible for public assistance.

3 **§305-C Contracts; public and private sectors.** (a) The
4 community college system may enter into contracts for manpower
5 development and training with the department of education, the
6 Manoa and Hilo campuses of the University of Hawaii, or other
7 public agencies.

8 (b) The community college system may enter into contracts
9 with private industry for manpower training and job placement of
10 unemployed persons within such private organizations. The
11 private employer shall be responsible for compensating such
12 persons the minimum wage, and the State may assume the
13 differences in wages, if any, by determining the prevailing wage
14 of persons employed in similar positions in private industry
15 during the contract period for such manpower training.

16 (c) The community college system shall formulate standards
17 and adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section.

18 **§305-D Administration.** (a) The community college system
19 may plan and administer manpower development and training
20 programs under this part with the advice of the workforce
21 development council.

1 (b) The community college system shall employ persons in
2 each of the four counties for purposes of coordinating the rapid
3 response development and training program for the community
4 college system within the particular county.

5 **§305-E Funds.** The State shall provide funds to cover
6 training costs, such as instructors' salaries, equipment, and
7 supplies. The State shall also provide funds to cover costs of
8 each coordinator position established under section 305-D.

9 **§305-F Type of training.** Training is to be undertaken for
10 those occupations for which there is reasonable expectation of
11 employment upon completion of training with priority given to
12 growth industries, including but not limited to electronics,
13 software, instrumentation, biotechnology, renewable energy,
14 telecommunications, computers, mariculture, aquaculture,
15 tropical agriculture, Hawaiian natural products, and space
16 applications, including astronomical research.

17 **§305-G New industry training program.** (a) There is
18 established the new industry training program, within the rapid
19 response development and training program established under
20 section 305-A, which shall be administered by the community
21 college system. Program moneys may be used:



- 1 (1) To tailor training or retraining programs to meet the
2 needs of qualifying businesses;
- 3 (2) To reimburse instructors for valid and approved
4 expenditures in delivering instruction under the
5 program;
- 6 (3) To rent appropriate training facilities and equipment;
- 7 (4) To purchase or develop materials required to deliver
8 the instruction; and
- 9 (5) For any other training-related expenses of the
10 program.

11 (b) The community college system shall use the resources
12 of the University of Hawaii, the high technology development
13 corporation, and other educational and training resources in the
14 public and private sectors throughout the state as may be
15 appropriate to provide pre-employment, employment, or on-the-job
16 training for local residents hired by businesses that are
17 relocating to Hawaii or expanding their local operations. To
18 provide the training, the community college system may contract
19 with public agencies, including the various University of Hawaii
20 campuses, private educational institutions, nonprofit
21 corporations, or private entities.



1 **§305-H Eligibility requirements.** (a) To be eligible for
2 state-assisted training or retraining under section 305-G,
3 businesses shall:

- 4 (1) Be licensed to do business in Hawaii;
- 5 (2) Establish or expand operations in Hawaii; and
- 6 (3) Be engaged in research, development, manufacturing,
7 production, or delivery of services in growth
8 industries, including but not limited to electronics,
9 software, instrumentation, biotechnology, renewable
10 energy, telecommunications, computers, mariculture,
11 aquaculture, tropical agriculture, Hawaiian natural
12 products, and space applications, including
13 astronomical research.

14 (b) The community college system may adopt rules to
15 promote economic expansion within the state by further
16 identifying the businesses and industries that qualify for
17 services and the job positions and persons that are eligible for
18 training under this chapter and may consult with the department
19 of business, economic development, and tourism prior to issuing
20 these rules."

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by designating sections 305-1 to 305-5 as part I and
3 inserting a title before section 305-1 to read as follows:

4 **"PART I GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS"**

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to
8 establish a rapid response development and training program
9 within the community college system of the university of Hawaii.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
11 Hawaii for the purposes of this part.

12 PART II

13 SECTION 5. The purpose of this part is to remove oversight
14 of the manpower and development training program from the state
15 department of labor and industrial relations and reestablish the
16 program within the community college system of the University of
17 Hawaii.

18 SECTION 6. Chapter 305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
20 to read as follows:

21 **"PART MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING"**

1 **§305-A Purpose.** The purpose of this part is to establish
2 manpower development and training programs in the State and to
3 determine the extent to which the employment needs of
4 individuals can be met by job training or a public service job.

5 **§305-B Establishment of programs.** (a) There is
6 established within the community college system, manpower
7 development and training programs for the various industries in
8 the state. The training programs shall assist unemployed and
9 underemployed persons who cannot reasonably be expected to
10 obtain suitable full-time employment without the benefit of
11 training. Instruction and training shall be provided by the
12 department of education n, the community college system,
13 University of Hawaii at Manoa, University of Hawaii-Hilo, or
14 other suitable agencies. If there is a need to overcome
15 barriers to possible training, the community college system, on
16 its own or in cooperation with the various departments and
17 agencies of the state and county governments and private
18 industry, may arrange for transportation, child care, health
19 care, and other aids to employment. The community college
20 system may also formulate and implement a program providing
21 useful public service employment to unemployed persons other
22 than public assistance recipients.



1 **§305-D Compensation.** The State shall pay to each person
2 who is enrolled in a manpower development and training program a
3 weekly compensation equal to the average weekly benefit amount
4 provided under chapter 383. The State may pay to each person
5 who is employed on a public service employment project under
6 section 305-B the prevailing wage of persons employed in similar
7 public employment.

8 **§305-E Administration.** (a) The community college system
9 may plan and administer manpower development and training
10 programs under this part with the advice of the workforce
11 development council.

12 (b) The community college system shall employ persons in
13 each of the four counties for purposes of coordinating the
14 manpower development and training program for the community
15 college system within the particular county.

16 (c) The community college system shall process the payment
17 of weekly compensation as provided under this part.

18 **§305-F Funds.** The State shall provide funds to cover
19 training costs such as instructors' salaries, equipment, and
20 supplies. The State shall also provide funds to cover costs of
21 each coordinator position established under section 305-E.



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- 17 (3) To rent appropriate training facilities and equipment;
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19 the instruction; and
- 20 (5) For any other training-related expenses of the
21 program.



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2 of the University of Hawaii, the high technology development
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5 appropriate to provide pre-employment, employment, or on-the-job
6 training for local residents hired by businesses that are
7 relocating to Hawaii or expanding their local operations. The
8 community college system may contract with public agencies,
9 including the various University of Hawaii campuses, private
10 educational institutions, nonprofit corporations, or private
11 entities.

12 **§305-I Eligibility requirements.** (a) To be eligible for
13 state-assisted training or retraining under section 305-H,
14 businesses shall:

- 15 (1) Be licensed to do business in Hawaii;
16 (2) Establish or expand operations in Hawaii; and
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9 these rules."

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11 amended by designating sections 305-1 to 305-5 as part I and
12 inserting a title before section 305-1 to read as follows:

13 **"PART I. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS"**

14 SECTION 8. Chapter 394, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 repealed.

16 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to hire
19 coordinators for the community college system manpower
20 development and training program.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the community
22 college system for the purposes of this part.



1 (2) Provide funds for any infrastructure and support costs
2 of county employment service programs.

3 SECTION 11. There is appropriated from the unemployment
4 trust fund from moneys deposited pursuant to section 383-123(b)
5 the sum of \$15,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary
6 for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the administrative expenses of the
7 employment security program as administered by the county
8 workforce investment boards.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the community
10 college system for the purposes of this part.

11 SECTION 12. No funds appropriated for purposes of section
12 383-123(b) or (c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the community
13 college system for use by the community college system, may be
14 released by the governor to the community college system, until
15 all funds appropriated by the legislature for the benefit of the
16 counties under section 11 have been timely, fully, and
17 completely released to the counties as intended by the
18 legislature.

19 The allotment system powers granted to the governor and the
20 executive branch by the legislature under part II of chapter 37,
21 Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to the appropriation of
22 federal Reed Act funds in section 383-123(b) or (c), Hawaii



1 Revised Statutes, as the appropriation of federal moneys does
2 not affect the solvency of the general fund.

3 SECTION 13. The community college system shall report to
4 the legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the regular session of 2007 on the status of the timely release
6 of funds appropriated for the benefit of the counties under this
7 part. The department shall make another report to the
8 legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the
9 regular session of 2008 on the status of the timely release of
10 the year two funds appropriated for the benefit of the counties
11 under this part. Where a delay in the release of these funds is
12 reported to the legislature by the community college system, the
13 community college system shall explain the delay to the
14 legislature and shall submit to the legislature, as soon as
15 practicable, a corrective action plan intended to ensure the
16 timely release of these funds.

17 PART IV

18 SECTION 14. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of
19 the state department of labor and industrial relations regarding
20 manpower development and training programs are transferred to
21 the community college system of the University of Hawaii.



1 All officers and employees whose functions are transferred
2 by this Act shall be transferred with their functions and shall
3 continue to perform their regular duties upon their transfer,
4 subject to the state personnel laws and this Act.

5 No officer or employee of the State having tenure shall
6 suffer any loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit,
7 vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefit or privilege as
8 a consequence of this Act, and such officer or employee may be
9 transferred or appointed to a civil service position without the
10 necessity of examination; provided that the officer or employee
11 possesses the minimum qualifications for the position to which
12 transferred or appointed; and provided that subsequent changes
13 in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and
14 compensation laws.

15 An officer or employee of the State who does not have
16 tenure and who may be transferred or appointed to a civil
17 service position as a consequence of this Act shall become a
18 civil service employee without the loss of salary, seniority,
19 prior service credit, vacation, sick leave, or other employee
20 benefits or privileges and without the necessity of examination;
21 provided that such officer or employee possesses the minimum



1 qualifications for the position to which transferred or
2 appointed.

3 If an office or position held by an officer or employee
4 having tenure is abolished, the officer or employee shall not
5 thereby be separated from public employment, but shall remain in
6 the employment of the State with the same pay and classification
7 and shall be transferred to some other office or position for
8 which the officer or employee is eligible under the personnel
9 laws of the State as determined by the head of the department or
10 the governor.

11 SECTION 15. All appropriations, records, equipment,
12 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
13 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,
14 acquired, or held by the state department of labor and
15 industrial relations relating to the functions transferred to
16 the community college system of the University of Hawaii shall
17 be transferred with the functions to which they relate.

18 SECTION 16. If any provision of this Act is found to be in
19 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed
20 condition for the allocation of federal funds to the State, the
21 conflicting provision of this Act shall be held inoperative
22 solely to the extent of the conflict with respect to the

Report Title:

Workforce Development Act; UH; Reed Act Funds; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the rapid response development and training program within the community college system; transfers the manpower development and training program from the DLIR to the UH community college system; makes appropriation to UH for rapid response development and training program and to community college system for manpower development and training program.
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