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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 283, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is  
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By adding a new section to read:

4 "SECTION 1A. The educational workforce working group shall  
5 create a website for the dissemination of information regarding  
6 workforce development resources, initiatives, and programs  
7 within the state."

8 2. By amending sections 1 and 2 to read:

9 "SECTION 1. (a) There is established an educational  
10 workforce working group within the department of labor and  
11 industrial relations for administrative purposes only. The  
12 chairperson of the workforce development council or the  
13 chairperson's designee shall convene the first meeting of the  
14 educational workforce working group no later than August 1,  
15 2007, at which time the members shall select a chair, to examine  
16 and address the following issues:



- 1 (1) How well the workforce needs of Hawaii are currently  
2 being met;
- 3 (2) How prepared the [~~State~~] state is to meet the  
4 workforce needs of the future;
- 5 (3) What recommendations can be made to improve Hawaii's  
6 educational system to fulfill the workforce needs of  
7 the future;
- 8 (4) What is the current relationship between the public  
9 schools and emerging industries;
- 10 (5) What percentage of high school students participate in  
11 any form of vocational or professional training  
12 outside of the school setting;
- 13 (6) What aspects of high school curriculum, standards, and  
14 assessment strategies have a direct relationship to  
15 the [~~State's~~] state's future workforce needs;
- 16 (7) What are the challenges or impediments to creating a  
17 more direct relationship between schools and economy-  
18 driving industries of the [~~State,~~] state;
- 19 (8) How might autonomous schools-within-schools, magnet  
20 schools, specialized schools, and charter schools be  
21 better used to create more direct links between high



1 schools and economy-driving industries of the [~~State,~~]  
2 state; and

3 (9) How might the size of public schools, the distribution  
4 of discretionary funding, the decentralized authority  
5 of school community councils or charter school local  
6 school boards, and other organizational reforms be  
7 better used to satisfy the workforce development needs  
8 of the information and technology age.

9 (b) The educational workforce working group shall submit a  
10 report on its findings and recommendations regarding the issues  
11 set forth in subsection (a), including any recommendations and  
12 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
13 days prior to the convening of the regular [~~session~~] sessions of  
14 2008[~~-~~], 2009, and 2010; provided that the 2009 and 2010 reports  
15 shall also include information on the progress of the working  
16 group and any initiatives or programs implemented as a result of  
17 this Act.

18 (c) The membership of the educational workforce working  
19 group shall be as follows:

20 (1) Two representatives appointed by the president of the  
21 senate;



- 1           (2) Two representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
2           house of representatives;
- 3           (3) The director of business, economic development, and  
4           tourism or the director's designee;
- 5           (4) The superintendent of education or the  
6           superintendent's designee;
- 7           (5) Two representatives from the University of Hawaii  
8           system; provided that at least one shall be the  
9           chancellor of a community college;
- 10          (6) Two high school principals appointed by the  
11          superintendent of education from the high school  
12          principals leadership group;
- 13          (7) The executive director of the Hawaii P-20 council or  
14          the executive director's designee;
- 15          (8) The chairperson of the workforce development council  
16          or the chairperson's designee;
- 17          (9) The president and chief executive officer of  
18          Enterprise Honolulu or the president and chief  
19          executive officer's designee;
- 20          (10) The president of the Hawaii Science and Technology  
21          Council or the president's designee;



1 (11) The president and chief executive officer of the  
2 Hawaii Community Foundation or the president and chief  
3 executive officer's designee; and

4 (12) The executive director of the Honolulu Community  
5 Action Program or the executive director's designee.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the  
9 sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
10 2008-2009 for the educational workforce working group.

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

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Workforce Development

**Description:**

Requires the Educational Workforce Working Group to create a website for the dissemination of information regarding workforce development resources, initiatives, and programs within the state. Requires it to submit additional reports of its findings and recommendations no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2009 and 2010, including information on its progress and any initiatives or programs implemented as a result of this Act. Appropriates funds. (HB2959 HD1)

