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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established an educational
2 workforce working group that shall convene no later than
3 August 1, 2007, to examine and address the following issues:
- 4 (1) How well the workforce needs of Hawaii are currently
5 being met;
- 6 (2) How prepared the State is to meet the workforce needs
7 of the future;
- 8 (3) What recommendations can be made to improve Hawaii's
9 educational system to fulfill the workforce needs of
10 the future;
- 11 (4) What is the current relationship between public
12 schools and emerging industries;
- 13 (5) What percentage of high school students participate in
14 any form of vocational or professional training
15 outside of the school setting;



1 (6) What aspects of high school curriculum, standards, and
2 assessment strategies have a direct relationship to
3 the State's future workforce needs;

4 (7) What are the challenges or impediments to creating a
5 more direct relationship between schools and economic
6 driving industries of the State;

7 (8) How might autonomous schools-within-schools, magnet
8 schools, specialized schools, and charter schools be
9 better utilized to create more direct links between
10 high schools and economic driving industries of the
11 State; and

12 (9) How might the size of public schools, the distribution
13 of discretionary funding, the decentralized authority
14 of school community councils or charter school local
15 school boards, and other organizational reforms be
16 better utilized to satisfy the workforce development
17 needs of the information and technology age.

18 (b) The educational workforce working group shall submit a
19 report on its findings and recommendations regarding the issues
20 set forth in subsection (a), including any recommendations and
21 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
22 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2008.



- 1 (c) The membership of the educational workforce working
2 group shall be as follows:
- 3 (1) The president of the senate or the president's
4 designee;
- 5 (2) The speaker of the house of representatives or the
6 speaker's designee;
- 7 (3) The superintendent of education or the
8 superintendent's designee;
- 9 (4) The executive director of the charter school
10 administrative office, or the director's designee;
- 11 (5) The director of business, economic development, and
12 tourism or the director's designee;
- 13 (6) A representative of the high technology sector, to be
14 selected by the governor from a list provided by the
15 president of the senate;
- 16 (7) A representative of the healthcare sector, to be
17 selected by the governor from a list provided by the
18 president of the senate;
- 19 (8) A representative of the agricultural sector, to be
20 selected by the governor from a list provided by the
21 president of the senate;



- 1 (9) A representative of the human services sector, to be
2 selected by the governor from a list provided by the
3 president of the senate;
- 4 (10) A representative of the tourism sector, to be selected
5 by the governor from a list provided by the president
6 of the senate;
- 7 (11) A representative from the college of education of the
8 University of Hawaii, to be selected by the governor
9 from a list provided by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives;
- 11 (12) A representative of the Work Force Development
12 Council, to be selected by the governor from a list
13 provided by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives;
- 15 (13) A representative of the Hawaii Business Roundtable, to
16 be selected by the governor from a list provided by
17 the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- 18 (14) A representative of Enterprise Honolulu, to be
19 selected by the governor from a list provided by the
20 speaker of the house of representatives.
- 21 (d) The director of business, economic development, and
22 tourism or the director's designee shall convene the first



1 meeting of the education workforce working group, at which time
2 the members shall select a chair.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for the
6 education workforce working group.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
9 section 1.

10 SECTION 3. The department of education shall create a
11 five-year plan to ensure optimal use of technology for
12 administration, data collection, and data sharing related to
13 educational and workforce needs, and to create individualized
14 student learning plans that will have a direct link to economic
15 and workforce needs.

16 The department of education shall submit a report
17 containing its five-year plan to the legislature no later than
18 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
19 2008.

20 SECTION 4. The University of Hawaii shall create a five-
21 year plan, within each of the University of Hawaii system
22 campuses, to ensure optimal use of technology for



1 administration, data collection, and data sharing related to
 2 educational and workforce needs, and to create individualized
 3 student learning plans that will have a direct link to economic
 4 and workforce needs.

5 The University of Hawaii shall submit a report on its five-
 6 year plan to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
 7 the convening of the regular session of 2008.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Education; Workforce Development; Educational Workforce Working Group

Description:

Establishes an educational workforce working group to report to the legislature. Requires the department of education and the University of Hawaii to create five-year plans to ensure optimal use of technology for administration, data collection, and data sharing related to educational and workforce needs, and to create individualized student learning plans that will have a direct link to economic and workforce needs. Appropriates funds.

