THE SENATE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

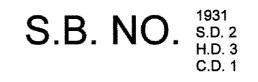
1		PART I
2		EDUCATIONAL WORKFORCE WORKING GROUP
3	SECT	ION 1. (a) There is established an educational
4	workforce	working group that shall convene no later than
5	August 1,	2007, to examine and address the following issues:
6	(1)	How well the workforce needs of Hawaii are currently
7		being met;
8	(2)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

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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 economy-
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 used to create more direct links between high
10		schools and economy-driving industries of the State;
11		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 used to satisfy the workforce development needs
17		of the information and technology age.
18	(b)	The educational workforce working group shall submit a

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



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

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1	(9)	The president and chief executive officer of
2		Enterprise Honolulu or the president and chief
3		executive officer's designee;
4	(10)	The president of the Hawaii Science and Technology
5		Council or the president's designee;
6	(11)	The president and chief executive officer of the
7		Hawaii Community Foundation or the president and chief
8		executive officer's designee; and
9	(12)	The executive director of the Honolulu Community
10		Action Program or the executive director's designee.
11	(d)	The director of business, economic development, and
12	tourism o	r the director's designee shall convene the first
13	meeting o	f the education workforce working group, at which time
14	the membe	rs shall select a chair.
15	SECT	ION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16	revenues	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000 or so much
17	thereof a	s may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the
18	education	al workforce working group.
19	The	sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20	business,	economic development, and tourism for the purposes of

21 this part.

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1		PART II
2		EDUCATING HAWAII'S WORKFORCE
3	SECT	ION 3. The department of education shall include
4	within it	s strategic plan, plans to ensure optimal use of
5	technolog	y for administration, data collection, and data sharing
6	related t	o educational and workforce needs, and plans to ensure
7	that pers	onalized student education plans will provide a direct
8	link to e	conomic and workforce needs.
9	The	department of education shall submit a report
10	containin	g its five-year plan to the legislature no later than
11	twenty day	ys prior to the convening of the regular session of
12	2008.	
13	SECT	ION 4. The University of Hawaii shall prepare a report
14	detailing	:
15	(1)	The current activities on each of its campuses to
16		prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed
17		to successfully enter and progress in the Hawaii
18		workforce;
19	(2)	The University of Hawaii's current plans to increase
20		the percentage of Hawaii high school graduates who
21		continue their education by enrolling at a University
22		of Hawaii campus and to increase the percentage of
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students who earn degrees or certificates within one hundred fifty per cent of the planned length of the degree, particularly in fields where the State is experiencing shortages of qualified employees; and (3) Recommendations about additional steps the State needs to consider implementing to increase the number of qualified workers in the State.

8 The University of Hawaii shall submit the report to the 9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of 10 the regular session of 2008.

11 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general (a) revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000 or so much 12 13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the 14 sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 15 year 2008-2009 for 2.0 (FTE) workforce development liaison 16 positions and 1.0 (FTE) support staff position within the 17 department of education to assist the department of education in 18 coordinating workforce development efforts with the various 19 departments, agencies, businesses, and organizations, including 20 the University of Hawaii and public school academies, within the 21 State to provide students with:

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(1) Career exploration, awareness, and mentoring;

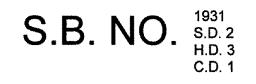


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1	(2) Access to unpaid and paid internships and experiential
2	learning opportunities; and
3	(3) Job placement assistance;
4	provided that the duties of the workforce development liaisons
5	shall be divided into public sector and private sector
6	relationships. The public sector liaison shall be responsible
7	for coordinating workforce development efforts between the
8	department of education and any department or agency of the
9	State, the counties, or any political subdivisions thereof, and
10	the private sector liaison shall be responsible for coordinating
11	workforce development efforts between the department of
12	education and businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other
13	private sector organizations.
14	(b) The workforce development liaisons shall also be
15	responsible for:
16	(1) Identifying future workforce need areas, such as
17	nursing, teaching, science and technology, and
18	agribusiness;
19	(2) Working to establish new academies to support growth
20	in workforce need areas;
21	(3) Interfacing with the business community to determine
22	what skill sets are necessary and to create mutually
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1	beneficial relationships between the schools or
2	academies and businesses, including the development of
3	paid internships and facilitation of job
4	opportunities; and
5	(4) Assisting the public schools and the academies with
6	curriculum integration and other department of
7	education functions.
8	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9	of education for the purposes of this part.
10	SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title: Education; Workforce Development

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for an educational workforce working group under the department of business, economic development, and tourism, to examine and address issues workforce and workforce-related education issues. Requires the department of education to include in its strategic plan, plans for workforce-related needs. Requires the University of Hawaii to submit a report to the Legislature on its workforce development efforts. Appropriates funds for positions to assist the department of education with its workforce development efforts. (CD1)