
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 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
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 director of business, economic development, and
4 tourism or the director's designee;
- 5 (2) Two representatives from the University of Hawaii
6 system, including its community colleges; provided
7 that at least one represents a neighbor island campus;
- 8 (3) The chairperson of the board of education or the
9 chairperson's designee;
- 10 (4) The superintendent of education, or the
11 superintendent's designee;
- 12 (5) Two high school principals appointed by the
13 superintendent of education; provided that at least
14 one is a neighbor island high school principal;
- 15 (6) A representative from the workforce development
16 council;
- 17 (7) A representative from Enterprise Honolulu;
- 18 (8) A representative from the Aloha United Way;
- 19 (9) A representative from Hawaii Science and Technology
20 Council; and
- 21 (10) A representative from the Honolulu Community Action
22 Program.



1 (d) The director of business, economic development, and
2 tourism or the director's designee shall convene the first
3 meeting of the education workforce working group, at which time
4 the members shall select a chair.

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

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
11 section 1 of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. The department of education shall include
13 within its strategic plan, plans to ensure optimal use of
14 technology for administration, data collection, and data sharing
15 related to educational and workforce needs, and plans to ensure
16 personalized student education plans will provide a direct link
17 to economic and workforce needs.

18 The department of education shall submit a report
19 containing its five-year plan to the legislature no later than
20 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
21 2008.



1 SECTION 4. The University of Hawaii shall prepare a report
2 detailing:

3 (1) The current activities on each of its campuses to
4 prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed
5 to successfully enter and progress in the Hawaii
6 workforce;

7 (2) The University of Hawaii's current plans to increase
8 the percentage of Hawaii high school graduates who
9 continue their education by enrolling in a University
10 of Hawaii campus and to increase the percentage of
11 students who earn degrees or certificates within one
12 hundred fifty per cent of the planned length of the
13 degree, particularly in fields where the State is
14 experiencing shortages of qualified employees; and

15 (3) Recommendations about additional steps the State needs
16 to consider implementing to increase the number of
17 qualified workers in the state.

18 The University of Hawaii shall submit a report on the
19 foregoing to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
20 the convening of the regular session of 2008.

21 SECTION 5. (a) There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
2 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
3 year 2008-2009, for 2.0 (FTE) workforce development liaison
4 positions and 1.0 (FTE) support staff position within the
5 department of education to assist the department of education in
6 coordinating workforce development efforts with the various
7 departments, agencies, businesses, and organizations, including
8 the University of Hawaii and public school academies, within the
9 state to provide students with:

- 10 (1) Career exploration, awareness, and mentoring;
- 11 (2) Access to unpaid and paid internships and experiential
12 learning opportunities; and
- 13 (3) Job placement assistance;

14 provided that the duties of the workforce development liaisons
15 shall be divided into public sector and private sector
16 relationships. The public sector liaison shall be responsible
17 for coordinating workforce development efforts between the
18 department of education and any department or agency of the
19 State, the counties, or any political subdivisions thereof, and
20 the private sector liaison shall be responsible for coordinating
21 workforce development efforts between the department of



1 education and businesses, non-profit organizations, and other
2 private sector organizations.

3 (b) The workforce development liaisons shall also be
4 responsible for:

5 (1) Identifying future workforce need areas, such as
6 nursing, teaching, science and technology, and
7 agribusiness;

8 (2) Working to establish new academies to support growth
9 in workforce need areas;

10 (3) Interfacing with the business community to determine
11 what skill sets are necessary and to create mutually
12 beneficial relationships between the schools or
13 academies and businesses, including the development of
14 paid internships and facilitating job opportunities;
15 and

16 (4) Assisting the public schools and the academies with
17 curriculum integration and other department of
18 education functions.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of education.

21 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Education; Workforce Development

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for an educational workforce working group under DBEDT, to examine and address issues workforce and workforce-related education issues. Requires DOE to include in its strategic plan, plans for workforce-related needs. Requires UH to submit a report to the Legislature on its workforce development efforts. Appropriates funds for positions to assist DOE with its workforce development efforts. (SB1931 HD1)

