
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) 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 chancellor of Leeward community college;

10 (5) The chancellor of Honolulu community college;

11 (6) A representative from the University of Hawaii system;

12 (7) The principal of Kapolei high school;

13 (8) The principal of Farrington high school;

14 (9) The principal of McKinley high school;

15 (10) The vice principal of McKinley high school;

16 (11) The principal of Kaiser high school;

17 (12) The principal of Roosevelt high school;

18 (13) A representative from the workforce development
19 council;

20 (14) A representative from Enterprise Honolulu;

21 (15) A representative from the Aloha United Way;



1 (16) A representative from Hawaii Science and Technology
2 Council; and

3 (17) A representative from the Honolulu Community Action
4 Program.

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

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

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
15 section 1 of this Act.

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



1 The department of education shall submit a report
2 containing its five-year plan to the legislature no later than
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
4 2008.

5 SECTION 4. The University of Hawaii shall prepare a report
6 detailing:

- 7 (1) The current activities on each of its campuses to
8 prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed
9 to successfully enter and progress in the Hawaii
10 workforce;
- 11 (2) The University of Hawaii's current plans to increase
12 the percentage of Hawaii high school graduates who
13 continue their education by enrolling in a University
14 of Hawaii campus and to increase the percentage of
15 students who earn degrees or certificates within one
16 hundred fifty per cent of the planned length of the
17 degree, particularly in fields where the State is
18 experiencing shortages of qualified employees; and
- 19 (3) Recommendations about additional steps the State needs
20 to consider implementing to increase the number of
21 qualified workers in the State.



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

4 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
7 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
8 year 2008-2009, for 2.0 (FTE) workforce development liaison
9 positions and 1.0 (FTE) support staff position within the
10 department of education to assist the department of education in
11 coordinating workforce development efforts with the various
12 departments, agencies, businesses, and organizations, including
13 the University of Hawaii and public school academies, within the
14 State to provide students with career exploration, awareness,
15 and mentoring; access to unpaid and paid internships and
16 experiential learning opportunities; and job placement
17 assistance; provided that the duties of the workforce
18 development liaisons shall be divided into public sector and
19 private sector relationships. The public sector liaison shall
20 be responsible for coordinating workforce development efforts
21 between the department of education and any department or agency
22 of the State, the counties, or any political subdivisions



1 thereof, and the private sector liaison shall be responsible for
2 coordinating workforce development efforts between the
3 department of education and businesses, non-profit
4 organizations, and other private sector organizations.

5 The workforce development liaisons shall also be
6 responsible for:

- 7 (1) Identifying future workforce need areas, such as
8 nursing, teaching, science and technology, and
9 agribusiness;
- 10 (2) Working to establish new academies to support growth
11 in workforce need areas;
- 12 (3) Interfacing with the business community to determine
13 what skill sets are necessary and to create mutually
14 beneficial relationships between the schools or
15 academies and businesses, including the development of
16 paid internships and facilitating job opportunities;
17 and
- 18 (4) Assisting the public schools and the academies with
19 curriculum integration and other department of
20 education functions.

21 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
22 of education.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Education; Workforce Development; Educational Workforce Working Group

Description:

Establishes an educational workforce working group to report to the legislature and appropriates funds therefor. Requires the department of education to create a five-year plan to ensure optimal use of technology for administration, data collection, and data sharing related to educational and workforce needs, and to create personalized student learning plans that will have a direct link to economic and workforce needs. Requires the university to report on current workforce development programs and plans for current and future workforce demands. Appropriates funds for workforce development liaisons and support staff. (SD1)

