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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. The legislature finds that a group attending
2 the Hawaii workforce development council's September 2006, forum
3 identified a need for easy access to information on available
4 training without having to build extensive personal networks.

5 The group proposed an interactive, searchable web-based database
6 that:

7 (1) Enables employers to record their needs for training
8 in defined competencies for specific numbers of
9 employees at a certain time period; and

10 (2) Enables providers to list their courses in a way that
11 is cross-referenced to the competencies needed by
12 employers.

13 Through such a system, employers can help drive the
14 curriculum development process by inputting their needs and
15 using the database to identify providers to meet those training
16 needs. Simultaneously, providers will be able to plan their



1 curriculum development efforts based on valid demand data, and
2 market their current offerings.

3 The purpose of this Act is to provide the University of
4 Hawaii with funding to research and develop a statewide web-
5 based interactive searchable database to train workforce
6 development providers.

7 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall design a
8 statewide web-based interactive searchable database in two
9 phases:

- 10 (1) Design the website to be able to accommodate
11 reasonable or future modifications and additions; and
12 (2) Build and implement the website.

13 The design phase shall incorporate input from training
14 providers, the department of education, department of labor and
15 industrial relations, workforce development council, Chamber of
16 Commerce of Hawaii, and employers. The system shall be designed
17 to accept employer needs for varying time periods. The cost of
18 the design phase shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the total
19 amount of moneys appropriated under this Act.

20 The statewide web-based interactive searchable database
21 shall be in service no later than the convening of the 2008
22 legislature. If the statewide web-based interactive searchable



1 database is not in service by the convening of the 2008
2 legislature a status report shall be filed twenty days prior to
3 its convening indicating the database's status and the report
4 shall continue on an annual basis until the database is
5 completed. The report shall include information regarding
6 whether the funding is adequate and, if necessary, a request for
7 additional funding.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000, or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, to the
11 University of Hawaii to design, research, and develop a
12 statewide web-based interactive searchable database. The
13 University of Hawaii shall also contract for employment,
14 education, and training from public or private agencies and
15 nonprofit organizations, as needed, to implement and operate the
16 database.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
18 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Education; Funding for Interactive Searchable Web-Based Database

Description:

Provides funding to the University of Hawaii to design, research, and develop an interactive searchable web-base database.

