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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 and employees to find information on  
8           classes and training programs that meet their training  
9           needs;
- 10          (2) Enables employers to record their needs for training  
11          in defined competencies for specific numbers of  
12          employees and time periods; and
- 13          (3) Enables providers to list their courses in a way that  
14          is cross-referenced to the competencies needed by  
15          employers.

16          Through such a system, employers can help drive the  
17 curriculum development process by inputting their needs and



1 using the database to identify providers to meet those training  
2 needs. Simultaneously, providers will be able to plan their  
3 curriculum development efforts based on valid demand data, and  
4 market their current offerings.

5 The purpose of this Act is to provide the University of  
6 Hawaii with funding for the research and development of a  
7 statewide web-based interactive searchable database that will  
8 provide comprehensive workforce training information to  
9 employers, employees, and training providers.

10 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall design a  
11 statewide web-based interactive searchable database in two  
12 phases:

- 13 (1) Design the website to be able to accommodate  
14 reasonable or future modifications and additions; and
- 15 (2) Build and implement the website.

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



1           The statewide web-based interactive searchable database  
2 shall be in service no later than the convening of the 2008  
3 legislature. If the statewide web-based interactive searchable  
4 database is not in service by the convening of the 2008  
5 legislature a status report shall be filed twenty days prior to  
6 its convening indicating the database's status and the report  
7 shall continue on an annual basis until the database is  
8 completed. The report shall include information regarding  
9 whether the funding is adequate and, if necessary, a request for  
10 additional funding.

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

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

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



**Report Title:**

UH; 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-based database. (SD1)

