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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 it is vital for the
2 State to attract more interested and educated individuals to
3 enter various trade industries, meet industry workforce demands,
4 and fill openings that are vacated by retiring trade workers.
5 The construction academy was established within the community
6 colleges under Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, to provide
7 trade pre-apprenticeship programs in an attempt to meet the
8 critical shortfalls in the construction labor workforce, and
9 generate student interest in the construction industry.

10 Student interest can also be generated at the secondary
11 education levels by cooperating with programs such as the
12 construction academy and other various trade apprenticeship
13 programs statewide to integrate pre-apprenticeship programs in
14 public high schools. This cooperative program has the potential
15 of providing further participation in trade apprenticeship
16 programs after high school and meeting industry workforce
17 demands.



1 The purpose of this Act is to expand student interest in
2 the various trade industries by establishing a five-year pilot
3 program within the department of education to develop and
4 establish trade pre-apprenticeship programs at Hawaii public
5 high schools, and appropriate funds for the department to carry
6 out the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
8 of education a five-year pilot program to provide trade
9 pre-apprenticeship programs in Hawaii public high schools.

10 (b) The department of education, with the assistance of
11 and cooperation from the department labor and industrial
12 relations and the department of accounting and general services,
13 shall establish trade pre-apprenticeship programs in public high
14 schools that will:

15 (1) Create partnerships with the construction academy
16 established under section 304A-1142, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes, and other trade apprenticeship programs
18 throughout the State;

19 (2) Engage students in learning through the integration of
20 core curriculum subjects and trade apprenticeship
21 courses;



1 (3) Allow enrolled students to work on minor repair and
2 maintenance projects at their school and at other
3 state facilities; and

4 (4) Provide enrolled students the opportunity to gain
5 practical experience in the various trade industries,
6 to work closely with and under the supervision of
7 qualified trade industry professionals, and, if
8 applicable, to earn credit in trade apprenticeship
9 programs outside of the high school program.

10 (c) The department of education shall submit interim
11 reports of its findings and recommendations, including any
12 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
13 days prior to the convening of each regular session from 2008 to
14 2011, and a final report to the legislature no later than twenty
15 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
19 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
20 year 2008-2009, for the department of education to establish a
21 five-year pilot program that will provide trade
22 pre-apprenticeship programs in Hawaii public high schools.



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1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of education for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall be repealed on December 31,
4 2011.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.
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Report Title:

Trade Apprenticeships; Department of Education; Pilot Program

Description:

Establishes a five-year pilot program within the department of education to provide trade pre-apprenticeship programs within public schools. Appropriates funds for the establishment of the pilot program.

