
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is the most
2 geographically isolated archipelago in the world and has an
3 economy that currently depends on very few and finite resources.
4 With an economy heavily dependent on the military and tourism,
5 developing dependable industries that will stabilize and grow
6 the economy is vital for the State's continued development.
7 Emerging industries and technologies, including renewable
8 energy, computer software development, and agriculture, if
9 properly developed with a home-grown workforce, would provide
10 continued stability and economic growth.

11 The legislature also finds that, to create conditions that
12 would energize the development of these new economic industries
13 in Hawaii, a partnership consisting of educational and
14 workforce/labor development sources would foster the private-
15 sector confidence necessary for investors to consider developing
16 new industries in Hawaii and ensure the hiring of residents who
17 have been educated in these high-skill, high-wage industries.
18 Models of coordinated, sustained, and collaborative partnerships



1 directed towards workforce development and training rely on work
2 groups consisting of representatives of specific targeted
3 industries, education, and the workforce community to help
4 identify emerging workforce trends, determine skills required,
5 and develop education and training to produce qualified workers
6 with the necessary skills. The relationships established
7 through these work groups will be essential to leverage
8 workforce development efforts within these partnerships. The
9 involvement of a number of organizations that do business in
10 Hawaii and have common needs for workforce development,
11 technologies, and infrastructure will increase efficiency and
12 innovation.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§371- Workforce development work groups; established.

17 (a) The department may establish work groups of industry
18 leaders in industries or occupations having potential for high
19 job growth to assist the department in identifying workforce
20 trends, determining skill sets required for jobs being created
21 or modified, and developing training to prepare qualified
22 workers.



1 **(b) The department shall include representatives on the**
 2 **work groups from the education, post-secondary education,**
 3 **workforce, and business communities, as appropriate for specific**
 4 **targeted occupations or industries.**

5 **(c) The department may develop training programs to**
 6 **address skill shortages and produce the skill sets required for**
 7 **jobs in the occupations or industries identified by the work**
 8 **groups.**"

9 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
 12 department of labor and industrial relations to establish work
 13 groups and design and implement training programs.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 15 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Workforce Development; Work Groups; Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes DLIR to establish work groups to identify high job growth industries and workforce needs and to develop training programs. Appropriates funding.

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