
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LABOR.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the closure of
2 Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, the State's last sugar
3 plantation, and Makena Beach and Golf Resort will lead to a loss
4 of over one thousand jobs on Maui. Although some employees of
5 Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company will be covered for job
6 training assistance under the recent federal Trade Adjustment
7 Act certification, other dislocated workers will not qualify.
8 As these employees lose their jobs and income, restaurants and
9 stores may see a decrease in customers and sales, families may
10 not be able to pay their mortgages and rent, and students may no
11 longer be able to afford school or college tuitions.

12 The legislature further finds that in 2014, the United
13 States Department of Labor awarded the State a Job-Driven
14 National Emergency Grant to implement or expand job-driven
15 training programs for dislocated workers including but not
16 limited to opportunities for on-the-job training and
17 apprenticeships. However, these funds are limited and are due
18 to expire on June 30, 2016, thereby making the funds unavailable



1 for a large group of dislocated workers in the county of Maui,
2 who have diverse training needs.

3 The purpose of this Act is to address the pending
4 unemployment and dislocation of workers in the county of Maui
5 for whom there are insufficient federal funds, by appropriating
6 funds to establish, administer, and support job training and
7 other activities that assist these workers' transition into
8 other employment.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$850,000 or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to
12 establish, administer, and support job training and preparation
13 activities, including but not limited to basic computer
14 literacy, job search assistance, skill assessments, vocational
15 counseling, remedial math and English, English as a second
16 language, vocational training, work experience, on-the-job
17 training, and support services, such as assistance with work
18 tools, safety shoes, and job certification fees for individuals
19 who are dislocated from employment in the county of Maui.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



Report Title:

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company; Makena Beach and Golf Resort; Dislocated Workers; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to establish, administer, and support job training and supportive services for individuals who are unemployed and dislocated due to the closure of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company and the Makena Beach and Golf Resort on Maui. (HB2605 CD1)

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