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# 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, will lead to a loss of over six hundred jobs on  
4 Maui, approximately two per cent of Maui's workforce. As these  
5 employees lose their jobs and income, restaurants and stores may  
6 see a decrease in customers and sales, families may not be able  
7 to pay their mortgages and rent, and students may no longer be  
8 able to afford school or college tuitions.

9           The legislature further finds that in 2014, the United  
10 States Department of Labor awarded the State a Job-Driven  
11 National Emergency Grant to implement or expand job-driven  
12 training programs for dislocated workers including but not  
13 limited to opportunities for on-the-job training and  
14 apprenticeships. However, these funds are limited and are due  
15 to expire on June 30, 2016, thereby making the funds unavailable  
16 for a large group of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company workers  
17 who are scheduled to be laid off in the latter part of 2016.



1           The purpose of this Act is to address the pending  
2 unemployment and dislocation of individuals due to the closure  
3 of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company and offset the expiration  
4 of Job-Driven National Emergency Grant funds by appropriating  
5 funds to establish, administer, and support on-the-job training  
6 programs on Maui.

7           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to  
10 establish, administer, and support on-the-job training for  
11 individuals who are dislocated due to the closure of Hawaiian  
12 Commercial & Sugar Company on Maui.

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

15           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company; Dislocated Workers;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to establish, administer, and support on-the-job training for individuals who are unemployed and dislocated due to the closure of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company on Maui. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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