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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 approximately
2 seventy-four per cent of all children in Hawaii are raised by
3 working families. Parents and the High Cost of Child Care, 2016
4 Report, by ChildCare Aware of America, reports that Hawaii is
5 the ninth least affordable state for the cost of before-school
6 or after-school care for a school-aged child in a child care
7 center, as a percentage of median income of parents. The
8 Afterschool Alliance reports that seventeen per cent of Hawaii
9 K-12 youth are responsible for their own care after school and
10 that thirty-eight per cent of all Hawaii children who are not
11 enrolled in an afterschool program would be likely to
12 participate in a program if one were available in the community.

13 The legislature also finds that, according to the Statewide
14 Point-In-Time Count published January 24, 2016, approximately
15 1,935 children in Hawaii are homeless and can benefit from a
16 safe, structured out-of-school environment. Vocational
17 education programs can be aligned with the school day to



1 complement, but not duplicate, arts, culture, literacy, fitness,
2 foreign language, math, science, character development, and
3 community service. The purpose of vocational education is to
4 prepare students to work in a trade. Vocational education can
5 expose students to trade, craft, or a technical career such as
6 engineering, computer science, accountancy, nursing, medicine,
7 architecture, hospitality, or agribusiness. More than a decade
8 of research confirms that quality afterschool programs inspire
9 and motivate children to learn, support children's social and
10 emotional growth, and help raise academic achievement.

11 The legislature finds that for decades, people have
12 discussed Hawaii's brain drain problem and how to retain
13 Hawaii's best and brightest and bring back those who have left
14 Hawaii for work or school. Hawaii also has a skills gap
15 problem. In 2013, ninety-two per cent of top executives
16 surveyed by Adecco said that there was a job skills gap amongst
17 applicants. Industries with careers demanding skills in
18 computer science, coding, engineering, and foreign language are
19 available in Hawaii; however, there is a lack of qualified local
20 workers to fill these jobs. Improving job training and more



1 closely aligning high school education to employment can close
2 this skills gap.

3 The legislature further finds that many states have
4 supported policies that expand learning opportunities to advance
5 a range of state education and youth goals. These
6 opportunities, known as expanded learning opportunities, offer
7 structured learning environments outside the traditional school
8 day hours through before- and after-school programs. They
9 provide a range of enrichment and learning activities in various
10 subjects, including arts, civic engagement, language, and
11 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

12 The intent of this Act is to use vocational education
13 programs as part of the solution to address poverty, brain
14 drain, and skills gaps within the local workforce.

15 Specifically, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 16 (1) Establish a vocational education out-of-school
17 program;
- 18 (2) Create the vocational education program special fund;
- 19 (3) Provide a single funding source to fund vocational
20 education programs; and
- 21 (4) Make an appropriation.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A-A Vocational education out-of-school program. (a)

5 There is established within the department the vocational
6 education out-of-school program for grades nine through twelve,
7 to be conducted during after-school hours, on weekends, and
8 during inter-sessions. All public schools, including charter
9 schools, may participate in and be eligible for funding through
10 the program. The department may contract with private providers
11 to furnish the program; provided that this section shall not be
12 interpreted to impose liability of any kind or nature upon the
13 department, its employees, or its agents.

14 (b) The vocational education out-of-school program shall
15 be funded by the vocational education program special fund.

16 §302A-B Vocational education program special fund. There
17 is established in the state treasury the vocational education
18 program special fund to be administered by the department and
19 into which shall be deposited the following:

20 (1) Appropriations by the legislature to the special fund;



- 1 (2) Gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies and
- 2 private persons, including federal grants, private
- 3 entities, individuals, nonprofit organizations, and
- 4 religious entities; and
- 5 (3) All proceeds collected by the department derived from
- 6 student participation fees should the department
- 7 choose to collect such fees.

8 The vocational education program special fund shall be used to
9 support the vocational education out-of-school program
10 established under section 302A-A."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
15 year 2018-2019 for deposit into the vocational education program
16 special fund established under section 2 of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the vocational
18 education program special fund the sum of \$ or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
21 2018-2019 for implementation costs and expenses for the



1 vocational education out-of-school program established by
2 section 2 of this Act.

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

5 SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by section
6 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
7 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
8 the new sections in this Act.

9 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Description:

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