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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 the modern economy
2 requires colleges to react quickly to meet the changing
3 technical workforce demands of the public and private sectors,
4 both to fill emerging job opportunities and upgrade the skills
5 of existing workers to meet changing requirements of their
6 positions as technology advances. Examples include entry level
7 informational technology positions, security service positions,
8 health and home care positions, and, particularly since the
9 closure of the last sugar plantation, agricultural workers. To
10 be responsive to workforce needs, the training must be developed
11 and delivered rapidly, often in a format other than a formal
12 degree program.

13 The purpose of this Act is to make explicit the
14 responsibility of the University of Hawaii community colleges to
15 provide short-term and rapid response occupational training and
16 certification programs designed to qualify individuals to fill



1 new and hard-to-fill positions of the State, counties, and
2 private sector that require technical training.

3 SECTION 2. Section 304A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) The purposes of community colleges shall be to
6 provide:

7 (1) Two-year college transfer and general education
8 programs;

9 (2) Two- and four-year career and technical education
10 programs;

11 (3) Semiprofessional, career and technical, and continuing
12 education programs [+], including occupational training
13 and certification programs designed to rapidly qualify
14 persons to fill new and hard-to-fill classes of
15 positions of the State, counties, and private sector
16 that require technical skills; and

17 (4) [~~Such~~] Any other educational programs and services as
18 may be appropriate to [~~such~~] those institutions."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the



1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 2 2018-2019 for occupational training and certification programs
 3 designed to rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill
 4 classes of non-professional positions of the State, counties,
 5 and private sector that require technical skills.

6 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
 7 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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S.B. NO. 723

Report Title:

Rapid Occupational Training and Certification Program; Community College System; Appropriation

Description:

Adds as a purpose of the University of Hawaii community college system the provision of occupational training and certification programs designed to rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill position classes of the State, counties, and private sector that require technical skills. Appropriates funds for the programs.

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