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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 to fill emerging job opportunities and upgrade the skills of  
5 workers to meet the changing requirements of their positions as  
6 technology advances. Examples include entry level informational  
7 technology positions, security service positions, health and  
8 home care positions, and, particularly since the closure of the  
9 last sugar plantation, agricultural workers. To be responsive  
10 to workforce needs, the training must be developed and delivered  
11 rapidly, often in a format other than a formal degree program.

12           The purpose of this Act is to make explicit the  
13 responsibility of the University of Hawaii community colleges to  
14 provide short-term and rapid response occupational training and  
15 certification programs designed to qualify individuals to fill  
16 new and hard-to-fill positions of the State, counties, and  
17 private sector that require technical training.



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

3 "(b) The purposes of community colleges shall be to  
4 provide:

- 5 (1) Two-year college transfer and general education  
6 programs;
- 7 (2) Two- and four-year career and technical education  
8 programs;
- 9 (3) Semiprofessional, career and technical, and continuing  
10 education programs [+], including occupational training  
11 and certification programs designed to rapidly qualify  
12 persons to fill new and hard-to-fill classes of  
13 positions, within the State, counties, and private  
14 sector, that require technical skills; and
- 15 (4) [~~Sueh~~] Any other educational programs and services as  
16 may be appropriate to [~~sueh~~] those institutions."

17 SECTION 3. Not later than twenty days prior to the  
18 convening of the regular session of 2018, the University of  
19 Hawaii shall submit a report of its findings and  
20 recommendations, including necessary proposed legislation, to  
21 the legislature on the results of the occupational training and



1 certification programs designed to rapidly qualify persons to  
2 fill new and hard-to-find classes of positions within the State,  
3 county, and private sector that require technical skills. The  
4 report shall include:

- 5 (1) The organizational structure of the occupational
- 6 training and certification programs;
- 7 (2) The efficacy of the method used to identify the new
- 8 and hard-to-find classes of positions that are suitable
- 9 for the programs;
- 10 (3) A cost-benefit analysis of the programs; and
- 11 (4) Whether the programs should be expanded, modified, or
- 12 terminated.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2018-2019 for occupational training and certification programs  
18 designed to rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill  
19 classes of non-professional positions in the State, counties,  
20 and private sector that require technical skills.



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

3           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on May 12, 2059.



**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 in the State, counties, and private sector that require technical skills. Appropriates funds for the programs. (SB723 HD1)

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