
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that youthbuild is a
2 federal workforce development program that provides employment,
3 education, leadership development, and training opportunities to
4 disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of sixteen
5 and twenty-four, most of whom are secondary school drop outs and
6 are either a member of a low-income family, a foster care youth,
7 a youth offender, a youth with a disability, a child of an
8 incarcerated parent, or a migrant youth.

9 The United States Department of Labor administers the
10 youthbuild program by awarding approximately \$89,000,000 in
11 grants to about two-hundred youthbuild programs in forty states.
12 Program participants receive education services that may lead to
13 either a high school diploma or general educational development.
14 They also receive occupational skills training and are
15 encouraged to pursue a post-secondary education or additional
16 training, including registered apprenticeship programs. The
17 program is designed to create a skilled workforce either in the



1 construction industry, through the rehabilitation and
2 construction of housing for homeless individuals and families
3 and low-income families, as well as public facilities, or in
4 other high wage, high-demand jobs. The program also benefits
5 the larger community by providing more new and rehabilitated
6 affordable housing.

7 The purpose of this Act is to establish a state youthbuild
8 program to further improve workforce development in Hawaii.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§371- Youthbuild; established. (a) There is
13 established the youthbuild program, hereinafter referred to as
14 the program, which shall be placed within the department for
15 administrative purposes. The program shall provide employment,
16 education, leadership development, and training opportunities to
17 disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of sixteen
18 and twenty-four. The department shall establish program
19 requirements that are similar to the youthbuild program
20 administered by the United States Department of Labor.



1 (b) Subject to available funds and requirements
2 established by the department, the department may:
3 (1) Award grants to eligible entities; or
4 (2) Award grants to the counties for the purpose of
5 awarding grants to eligible entities.
6 (c) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
7 to carry out this section."

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
12 2020-2021 for a grant-in-aid to assist the counties in
13 establishing youthbuild programs, to be distributed as follows:

- 14 (1) \$ to the county of Hawaii;
- 15 (2) \$ to the city and county of Honolulu;
- 16 (3) \$ to the county of Kauai; and
- 17 (4) \$ to the county of Maui,

18 provided that no funds for each county shall be made available
19 under this Act unless matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by
20 that respective county for the purpose for which the sums are
21 appropriated; provided further that existing youthbuild programs



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1 in Hawaii shall not be prohibited from requesting and being
2 awarded funds appropriated by this Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Description:

Codifies the state YouthBuild program to provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to award grants directly to eligible entities or to the counties. Appropriates funds.

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