

1 (b) The program authorized under this chapter shall
2 incorporate the following features:

3 (1) The department shall reimburse employers an additional
4 fourteen per cent of subsidized wages to cover
5 training and employment-related expenses;

6 (2) The department may reimburse an employer up to \$200
7 per month, subject to negotiation with the employer,
8 when the employer assists an employee with
9 transportation to and from work;

10 (3) The department shall prescreen job applicants for
11 potential employers based on the job needs, specific
12 skills, and qualifications provided by the employer
13 and an application completed by the job applicant;

14 (4) The department shall accept both part-time, which
15 shall be classified as a position of at least twenty-
16 four hours per week, but no more than thirty hours per
17 week, and full-time job openings, which shall be
18 classified as a position of at least thirty hours per
19 week, from potential employers;



1 (5) The department shall impose no limitation on the
2 number of job applicants that an employer may select
3 from the program;

4 (6) The employer shall provide selected job applicants the
5 prevailing industry wage and the same benefits it
6 offers its employees in similar positions; and

7 (7) The department shall contract with a private
8 employment service agency to market the program, take
9 and fill job orders from companies, and provide
10 ongoing support to employers and employees.

11 (c) The duration of the wage reimbursement authorized
12 under subsection (b) shall be no less than six months and no
13 more than twelve months.

14 § -3 **Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules
15 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to implement this chapter,
16 including but not limited to rules that require any recipient of
17 public assistance to be either employed, actively seeking
18 employment, or enrolled in an education program or school to
19 continue receiving public assistance."

20 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

Supporting Employment Empowerment Hawaii Work Program; DHS

Description:

Authorizes the establishment of the Supporting Employment Empowerment Hawaii Work Program to transition public assistance recipients to the workforce.

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