
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that high school students
2 and non-high school graduates in Hawaii would benefit from
3 aligning educational curriculum to a workforce readiness
4 program. The alignment would depend upon close collaboration
5 between high schools and department of education adult community
6 schools, community colleges, the workforce development council,
7 and employers.

8 The legislature further finds that a workforce readiness
9 program would ensure that students receive the industry-based
10 skills and credentials required for employment after graduation
11 or completion of the community school for adults' workforce
12 preparation program. Collaboration between educators and
13 industry employers will enable students to earn a community
14 school for adults' workforce development diploma credential.
15 Students may also earn pre-apprenticeship certificates and other
16 industry-recognized certificates in addition to an associate
17 degree.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a workforce
2 readiness program within the department of education adult
3 community schools program.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§302A- Workforce readiness program; establishment.

8 (a) There is established within the department the workforce
9 readiness program within the adult community schools program.

10 (b) The department shall designate schools, including
11 adult community schools, to participate in the workforce
12 readiness program.

13 (c) The department may coordinate with the department of
14 labor and industrial relations and the Hawaii division of
15 vocational rehabilitation as needed and enter into contracts
16 with industry employers that are located near workforce
17 readiness schools to develop and implement the workforce
18 readiness program.

19 (d) Schools participating in the workforce readiness
20 program shall provide opportunities for students to earn a



1 workforce development diploma credential, pre-apprenticeship
2 certificates, and other industry-recognized certificates that
3 assess and document student readiness for a wide range of jobs
4 in addition to an associate degree.

5 (e) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
6 to carry out the purposes of this section."

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to carry
10 out the purposes of this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 education for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
15 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

Workforce Readiness Program; Adult Community Schools; Public Schools; DOE; DLIR; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes within the DOE the workforce readiness program within the adult community schools program. Appropriates funds.

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