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# 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 \$ or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to  
10 carry 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 on July 1, 2050.



**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. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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