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## 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 dropouts and  
6 are either a member of a low-income family, or a foster care  
7 youth, youth offender, youth with a disability, child of an  
8 incarcerated parent, or migrant youth.

9           The United States Department of Labor administers the  
10 YouthBuild program, which in 2019 awarded sixty-seven grants  
11 totaling \$85,000,000 to support and expand YouthBuild programs  
12 across the United States. Program participants receive  
13 education services that may lead to either a high school diploma  
14 or general educational development. Participants also receive  
15 occupational skills training and are encouraged to pursue a  
16 post-secondary education or additional training, including  
17 registered apprenticeship programs. The program is designed to



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

7 The purpose of this Act is to further improve workforce  
8 development in Hawaii by establishing a state YouthBuild program  
9 under the department of labor and industrial relations to assist  
10 interested non-profit or public entities in applying and  
11 qualifying for a grant under the federal YouthBuild program.

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

15 "§371- YouthBuild Program; established. (a) There is  
16 established the YouthBuild program, which shall be placed within  
17 the department for administrative purposes. The department  
18 shall assist non-profit or public entities in applying and  
19 qualifying for YouthBuild program grants from the United States  
20 Department of Labor.



1        (b) The department shall establish program requirements  
2 and procedures to assist non-profit or public entities in  
3 applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild program grants.

4        (c) Subject to the availability of funds and requirements  
5 established by the department, the department may award grants  
6 to eligible non-profit or public entities that have been awarded  
7 a federal YouthBuild program grant; provided that any department  
8 grant awarded under this section:

9        (1) Shall be used toward meeting the federal twenty-five  
10 per cent matching funds requirement of the United  
11 States Department of Labor YouthBuild program; and

12        (2) May be matched in cash or by in-kind contributions by  
13 the eligible non-profit or public entity that is  
14 awarded a grant from the department under this  
15 section.

16        (d) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
17 to carry out this section."

18        SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
21 administrative costs incurred by the department of labor and



1 industrial relations in administering the state YouthBuild  
2 program under this Act.

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

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
8 the department of labor and industrial relations to award grants  
9 to eligible non-profit or public entities that have been awarded  
10 a federal YouthBuild program grant; provided that any funds  
11 awarded pursuant to this section shall be used to meet the  
12 twenty-five per cent matching funds requirement of the United  
13 States Department of Labor YouthBuild program.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
15 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
 2 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1,  
 3 2020.

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# H.B. NO. 2753

**Report Title:**

YouthBuild; Workforce Development; DLIR; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the state YouthBuild Program to assist non-profit and public entities in applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild Program grants. Authorizes DLIR to award grants to eligible non-profit or public entities to meet the matching funds requirement for federal YouthBuild grant awards. Appropriates funds.

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