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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it has become  
2 increasingly important to align children's education with the  
3 needs of the evolving workforce. Middle school and high school  
4 is where students begin to learn the skills necessary to become  
5 successful in their adult careers. As workforce educational  
6 needs shift, many states have responded by providing educational  
7 programs that will prepare students to perform specialized jobs  
8 upon graduation from high school.

9           The purpose of this Act is to convene the Hawaii vocational  
10 training in schools task force in the department of education to  
11 study the feasibility of establishing vocational training  
12 programs in the department's middle schools and high schools.

13           SECTION 2. (a) There is established a Hawaii vocational  
14 training in schools task force within the department of  
15 education to consist of the following members:



- 1           (1) The superintendent of education or superintendent's  
2            designee, who shall serve as the lead chairperson of  
3            the task force;
- 4           (2) The director of business, economic development, and  
5            tourism or director's designee;
- 6           (3) The director of labor and industrial relations or  
7            director's designee;
- 8           (4) The principals of each middle school and high school  
9            selected by the superintendent of education to  
10           participate in the vocational training programs; and
- 11          (5) Any other agency or designee deemed appropriate by the  
12            superintendent of education.
- 13          (b) The task force shall serve until it has accomplished  
14            the objectives of this Act or twenty days prior to the convening  
15            of the regular session of 2020, whichever occurs first.
- 16          (c) The task force shall study the feasibility of  
17            establishing vocational training programs in the department's  
18            middle schools and high schools. The study shall include but  
19            not be limited to the following:



- 1 (1) Department middle school and high school sites that  
2 have sufficient facilities and appropriate resources  
3 to implement the vocational training programs;
- 4 (2) The cost of implementing vocational training programs  
5 in middle schools and high schools, including the cost  
6 of staffing and personnel necessary for the programs;
- 7 (3) Potential sources of funding for the vocational  
8 training program, including but not limited to grants,  
9 private donations, and fundraising opportunities;
- 10 (4) Criteria for selecting qualified instructors to teach  
11 the vocational training classes;
- 12 (5) Analysis of the appropriate careers and professional  
13 objectives to include in the vocational training  
14 programs;
- 15 (6) Effective educational practices and teaching methods  
16 that are used in existing vocational training programs  
17 in the State and nationwide;
- 18 (7) Any professional certifications or degrees that can be  
19 earned concurrently with the vocational training  
20 programs;



- 1 (8) Any state and federal agencies, organizations, or
- 2 business partners that could collaborate with the
- 3 department to implement the vocational training
- 4 programs;
- 5 (9) Any practical impediments to implementing the
- 6 vocational training programs; and
- 7 (10) Any other objective deemed necessary by the
- 8 superintendent of education.

9 SECTION 3. The superintendent of education, in  
 10 consultation with the task force, shall submit a report of any  
 11 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
 12 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
 13 to the convening of the regular session of 2020.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 798

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Vocational Training; Middle Schools;  
High Schools

**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii Vocational Training in Schools Task Force in the Department of Education to study the feasibility of creating vocational training programs in the department's middle schools and high schools.

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