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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that helping degree-  
2 seeking individuals in Hawaii to make better-informed decisions  
3 regarding their post-secondary education and career choices is a  
4 matter of statewide concern.

5           SECTION 2. (a) The University of Hawaii shall collaborate  
6 with the department of education; the department of business,  
7 economic development, and tourism; other public agencies;  
8 private businesses; and foundations to further develop  
9 interactive web tools that will enable degree-seeking  
10 individuals to make better-informed decisions regarding their  
11 post-secondary education and career choices by providing:

12           (1) Access to data that:

13                   (A) Identifies in-demand jobs across the State and in  
14                   particular regions, as well as any degree or  
15                   certificate programs that will prepare students  
16                   for those jobs;



- 1 (B) Compares projected future earnings to the  
2 investment required to graduate from a particular  
3 school and program;
- 4 (C) Analyzes the earnings potential of various career  
5 options; and
- 6 (D) Helps students understand the personal and  
7 professional satisfaction that may accompany  
8 various careers and courses of study;
- 9 (2) A lifestyle goal calculator that shows the number of  
10 years it will take for the salary from a particular  
11 occupation to meet an individual's lifestyle goals;  
12 and
- 13 (3) A breakeven calculator that shows the number of years  
14 it will take after completing a particular degree  
15 program for earnings to exceed the total net price of  
16 the program.
- 17 (b) In developing and implementing the interactive web  
18 tool, the University of Hawaii may explore similar interactive  
19 web tools in other jurisdictions and consult with these  
20 jurisdictions or web tool developers.



1 (c) The University of Hawaii shall submit an annual report  
2 to the legislature regarding its collaboration on the  
3 development and implementation of an interactive web tool to  
4 enable degree-seeking individuals to make better-informed  
5 decisions regarding their post-secondary education and career  
6 choices, including any proposed legislation, no later than  
7 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the  
11 University of Hawaii, in collaboration with the department of  
12 education; the department of business, economic development, and  
13 tourism; and other entities, to utilize interactive web tools to  
14 enable degree-seeking individuals to make better-informed  
15 decisions regarding their post-secondary education and career  
16 choices.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
18 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



**Report Title:**

UH; DOE; DBEDT; Post-Secondary Education; Interactive Web Tools;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the University of Hawaii to collaborate with the department of education; the department of business, economic development, and tourism; and others to develop an interactive web tool to enable degree-seeking individuals to make better-informed decisions regarding their post-secondary education and career choices. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2051. (HD1)

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