
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 current high
2 school graduates and non-graduates would benefit from aligning
3 educational curriculum to a workforce readiness preparation
4 program. This alignment depends upon close collaboration
5 between the department of education adult community schools
6 and high schools, community colleges, workforce development
7 council, and employers. A workforce readiness program would
8 ensure that students learn skills and earn credentials
9 required for employment by industry after graduation or
10 completion of the community school for adults workforce
11 preparation program.

12 The legislature further finds that collaboration between
13 educators and industry employers will enable students to earn
14 a community school for adults workforce development diploma
15 credential. Students may also earn pre-apprenticeship
16 certificates and other certificates recognized by industry,
17 in addition to an associate degree.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a workforce
2 readiness program within the department of education community
3 school for adults 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 a workforce readiness program
9 within the department's community school for adults or adult
10 education program.

11 (b) The department shall designate schools, including
12 the community school for adults, to participate in the
13 workforce readiness program.

14 (c) Schools participating in the workforce readiness
15 program shall provide opportunities for students to earn, in
16 addition to an associate degree, a workforce development
17 diploma, a pre-apprenticeship certificate, or other
18 industry-recognized certificates to assess and document
19 student readiness for a wide range of jobs.



1 (d) The department may coordinate with the department of
2 labor and industrial relations and department of human services
3 division of vocational rehabilitation and enter into contracts
4 with industry employers to develop and implement the workforce
5 readiness program.

6 (e) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter
7 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section."

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to
11 enable the two existing department of education community
12 school for adults campuses and the eight satellite sites to
13 implement the workforce development program in collaboration
14 with the department of labor and industrial relations,
15 department of human services division of vocational
16 rehabilitation, workforce development council, American job
17 centers, local businesses, hotels, employers, apprenticeship
18 programs, and community colleges in meeting the demands for a
19 career-ready workforce.



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

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



Report Title:

DOE; Adult Education; Workforce Development Diploma;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a workforce readiness diploma program within the department of education's community school for adults program or adult education program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2051. (HD1)

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