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

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

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

19 (d) The department may coordinate with the department of
20 labor and industrial relations and the department of human



1 services division of vocational rehabilitation and enter into
2 contracts with industry employers to develop and implement the
3 workforce readiness program.

4 (e) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter
5 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section."

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

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

20 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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