
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that continued
2 advancement of technology with the growth of automation and
3 artificial intelligence is poised to fundamentally reshape our
4 local and global economy. Some reports predict that automation
5 may eliminate one-third of the nation's jobs by 2030, and that
6 as high as fifty per cent of current business tasks could
7 potentially be automated. As such, rising generations will be
8 required to possess the skills and adaptability to thrive in
9 this new economy. Projections show that approximately sixty-
10 five per cent of students in school will hold jobs that do not
11 exist yet.

12 The legislature further finds that although Hawaii has one
13 of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, many existing
14 jobs are lower wage jobs in the visitor industry. Moreover,
15 high housing costs and the high cost of living are outpacing
16 wages. In addition, there are not enough job opportunities in
17 the State for high-wage, skilled workers. Consequently, the



1 United States Census Bureau found that twenty-three more people
2 per day moved out of Hawaii than moved into the State from July
3 2017 to July 2018.

4 Given this looming challenge, the legislature finds that
5 the State must develop a strategic, forward-looking approach
6 toward work-based learning to better prepare students for
7 college and their careers. Accordingly, the department of
8 business, economic development, and tourism should be required
9 to develop annual regional economic plans for each county based
10 on the boundaries of development or community plans in each
11 county. The workforce development council, in partnership with
12 the department of education and the University of Hawaii, can
13 use this data to provide K-16 pathways and internship programs
14 in each public and public charter school to match the State's
15 specific industry needs. These pathways and qualified
16 internship programs will serve as the foundation for developing
17 work-based learning opportunities in public schools that reflect
18 high-growth, high-need industries, which are often concentrated
19 in healthcare, technical roles, business and finance,
20 information technology, and management.



1 Furthermore, the legislature finds that schools and
2 industry partners should be empowered to offer qualified student
3 internship programs. Therefore, qualified internship programs
4 should be exempted from the procurement process.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 6 (1) Require the department of business, economic
7 development, and tourism to develop annual regional
8 economic plans for each county to identify regional
9 economic priorities and industry clusters and jobs
10 within those priorities and clusters;
- 11 (2) Require the workforce development council to develop,
12 based on the findings of the regional economic plans,
13 K-16 pathways and programs in each public school,
14 including each public charter school, that prepare
15 students to fill the priority jobs identified in the
16 regional economic plans; and
- 17 (3) Require participating schools to communicate
18 opportunities to enroll in K-16 pathways and qualified
19 internship programs to prepare students for jobs
20 identified by regional economic plans as priorities in
21 each geographical area.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§201- Regional economic plans. (a) The department of
5 business, economic development, and tourism shall develop annual
6 regional economic plans to provide jobs in urban and rural areas
7 in each county based on the development or community boundaries
8 of each respective county.

9 (b) These plans shall be published by January 31 annually
10 on the department's website and include a list of regional
11 economic priorities and industry clusters, and jobs within these
12 priorities and industry clusters.

13 (c) Based on the findings of these regional economic
14 plans, the workforce development council shall consult the
15 department of education and the University of Hawaii to develop
16 and provide K-16 pathways and programs in each public school,
17 including each public charter school, that:

18 (1) Emphasize the skills necessary to meet the State's
19 specific industry needs;

20 (2) Relate to employment in jobs identified by the
21 department as priority jobs, concentrated in



1 healthcare, technical roles, business and finance,
2 information technology, and management; and
3 (3) Result in a degree or credential that meets entry-
4 level requirements of employers in relevant priority
5 industries.

6 (d) For fiscal year 2019-2020 and each fiscal year
7 thereafter, each participating public school, including each
8 public charter school, may receive up to \$1,000 in bonus
9 incentives for each student who has successfully completed a
10 qualified internship program in the preceding fiscal year. Bonus
11 incentive funds may be used to pay for costs of administering
12 these programs and any testing fees incurred by students in
13 attaining credentials.

14 (e) Participating schools shall communicate opportunities
15 to enroll in pathways or qualified internship programs developed
16 pursuant to this section to students and parents.

17 (f) Internship placements within a qualified internship
18 program shall be exempt from the Hawaii public procurement code,
19 chapter 103D, if the department of business, economic
20 development, and tourism, in partnership with the department of



1 education and the University of Hawaii, determines that the
2 qualified internship program:

3 (1) Is aligned with a post-secondary education or
4 employment opportunity;

5 (2) Values students' work equivalent to the applicable
6 minimum wage;

7 (3) Employs a sufficient number of internship case
8 managers to monitor student participation in the
9 internship;

10 (4) Provides students with pre-internship training or
11 coursework that is designed to prepare the students
12 for the internship; and

13 (5) Implements adequate safety and supervisory safeguards
14 for the students participating in the internship.

15 (g) The department of education shall maintain records and
16 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
17 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
18 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session
19 beginning in 2020. The report shall include:

20 (1) Types of credentials being earned and internships
21 being completed;



- 1 (2) The schools offering these pathways and programs;
- 2 (3) Aggregated demographics of student participants; and
- 3 (4) The completion rate of enrolled students.

4 (h) For purposes of this section:

5 "Priority jobs" means high-demand, high-growth positions
 6 that provide a living wage for an average family of three
 7 persons that includes one working adult.

8 "Qualified internship programs" means programs that prepare
 9 students for jobs that are identified by regional economic plans
 10 as a priority in the geographical area."

11 SECTION 3. Section 103D-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), this chapter shall
 14 not apply to contracts by governmental bodies:

15 (1) Solicited or entered into before July 1, 1994, unless
 16 the parties agree to its application to a contract
 17 solicited or entered into prior to July 1, 1994;

18 (2) To disburse funds, irrespective of their source:

19 (A) For grants as defined in section 42F-101, made by
 20 the State in accordance with standards provided
 21 by law as required by article VII, section 4, of



- 1 the state constitution; or by the counties
- 2 pursuant to their respective charters or
- 3 ordinances;
- 4 (B) To make payments to or on behalf of public
- 5 officers and employees for salaries, fringe
- 6 benefits, professional fees, or reimbursements;
- 7 (C) To satisfy obligations that the State is required
- 8 to pay by law, including paying fees, permanent
- 9 settlements, subsidies, or other claims, making
- 10 refunds, and returning funds held by the State as
- 11 trustee, custodian, or bailee;
- 12 (D) For entitlement programs, including public
- 13 assistance, unemployment, and workers'
- 14 compensation programs, established by state or
- 15 federal law;
- 16 (E) For dues and fees of organizations of which the
- 17 State or, its officers and employees are members,
- 18 including the National Association of Governors,
- 19 the National Association of State and County
- 20 Governments, and the Multi-State Tax Commission;



- 1 (F) For deposit, investment, or safekeeping,
- 2 including expenses related to their deposit,
- 3 investment, or safekeeping;
- 4 (G) To governmental bodies of the State;
- 5 (H) As loans, under loan programs administered by a
- 6 governmental body; and
- 7 (I) For contracts awarded in accordance with chapter
- 8 103F;
- 9 (3) To procure goods, services, or construction from a
- 10 governmental body other than the University of Hawaii
- 11 bookstores, from the federal government, or from
- 12 another state or its political subdivision;
- 13 (4) To procure the following goods or services which are
- 14 available from multiple sources but for which
- 15 procurement by competitive means is either not
- 16 practicable or not advantageous to the State:
- 17 (A) Services of expert witnesses for potential and
- 18 actual litigation of legal matters involving the
- 19 State, its agencies, and its officers and
- 20 employees, including administrative quasi-
- 21 judicial proceedings;



- 1 (B) Works of art for museum or public display;
- 2 (C) Research and reference materials including books,
3 maps, periodicals, and pamphlets, which are
4 published in print, video, audio, magnetic, or
5 electronic form;
- 6 (D) Meats and foodstuffs for the Kalaupapa
7 settlement;
- 8 (E) Opponents for athletic contests;
- 9 (F) Utility services whose rates or prices are fixed
10 by regulatory processes or agencies;
- 11 (G) Performances, including entertainment, speeches,
12 and cultural and artistic presentations;
- 13 (H) Goods and services for commercial resale by the
14 State;
- 15 (I) Services of printers, rating agencies, support
16 facilities, fiscal and paying agents, and
17 registrars for the issuance and sale of the
18 State's or counties' bonds;
- 19 (J) Services of attorneys employed or retained to
20 advise, represent, or provide any other legal
21 service to the State or any of its agencies, on



- 1 matters arising under laws of another state or
- 2 foreign country, or in an action brought in
- 3 another state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction,
- 4 when substantially all legal services are
- 5 expected to be performed outside this State;
- 6 (K) Financing agreements under chapter 37D; [and]
- 7 (L) Any other goods or services which the policy
- 8 board determines by rules or the chief
- 9 procurement officer determines in writing is
- 10 available from multiple sources but for which
- 11 procurement by competitive means is either not
- 12 practicable or not advantageous to the State; and
- 13 (M) Qualified internship programs as defined in
- 14 section 201- ; and
- 15 (5) Which are specific procurements expressly exempt from
- 16 any or all of the requirements of this chapter by:
- 17 (A) References in state or federal law to provisions
- 18 of this chapter or a section of this chapter, or
- 19 references to a particular requirement of this
- 20 chapter; and



1 (B) Trade agreements, including the Uruguay Round
2 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
3 which require certain non-construction and non-
4 software development procurements by the
5 comptroller to be conducted in accordance with
6 its terms."

7 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
10 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11 2020-2021 for the department of business, economic development,
12 and tourism to develop regional economic plans pursuant to
13 section 2 of this Act. The appropriation shall be divided
14 between \$300,000 for administrative costs and \$200,000 for
15 school incentive bonuses pursuant to section 2 of this Act.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
18 of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



Report Title:

DBEDT; Regional Economic Plans; Priority Jobs; Qualified Internship Program; Education; Appropriation

Description:

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