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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's community  
2 colleges play a critical role in the economic recovery and  
3 revitalization of the State. The community colleges support  
4 residents by providing them with opportunities to improve their  
5 employment prospects and developing a workforce that helps  
6 companies and nonprofit organizations meet the community's needs  
7 while surviving and thriving as businesses.

8       Community colleges are at the forefront of post-secondary  
9 workforce development programs, both locally and across the  
10 United States. Programs that are designed to positively impact  
11 local employment pipelines and provide skills for students to  
12 succeed in jobs that pay not just the minimum wage, but a  
13 family-sustaining wage, are critical to rebuilding the post-  
14 pandemic economy and developing Hawaii's future workforce.

15       Hawaii's community college faculty and administrators work  
16 with employers, industry associations, economic development  
17 leaders, and community organizations to develop and offer



1 workforce training programs to prepare residents for current and  
2 future employment opportunities, whether for initial employment,  
3 advancement, continuing education, or career changes. Community  
4 colleges provide workforce training through their credit-based  
5 degree programs, as well as non-credit workforce training  
6 programs. Hawaii's community colleges also provide  
7 opportunities for residents to earn industry-recognized  
8 certificates that are valued by local employers and that can  
9 also be "stacked" toward higher level certificates or degrees.

10 The purpose of this Act is to utilize the University of  
11 Hawaii's community colleges as channels to assist in stimulating  
12 and revitalizing Hawaii's economic recovery by appropriating  
13 funds for the administration, training, and student support of  
14 the colleges' workforce development programs.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
18 the university of Hawaii community colleges' workforce  
19 development programs to fund administration, training,  
20 positions, and student support.



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

3       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

UH; Workforce Development; Community Colleges; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for the University of Hawaii Community Colleges' workforce development programs to fund administration, training, positions, and student support. Effective 7/1/2050.  
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