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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

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. Community colleges support the
4 State's residents by providing them with opportunities to
5 improve their employment prospects and to develop a workforce
6 that helps grow local businesses. Community colleges are at the
7 forefront of post-secondary workforce development programs, both
8 in Hawaii and across the United States. These programs
9 positively impact local employment pipelines, provide students
10 with the skills to succeed in higher-waged jobs, and play a
11 critical role in rebuilding the State's post-pandemic economy.

12 The legislature further finds that students throughout the
13 State have benefitted from the community colleges' dual credit
14 opportunities, like early college. Early college programs have
15 enabled students to begin pursuing their educational and career
16 goals while completing high school. The legislature also notes
17 that close to half of public school graduates do not enroll



1 immediately in a two- or four-year college after graduation.
2 For those students, the community colleges' short-term workforce
3 training opportunities are viable alternatives to enrolling in
4 for-credit college programs. Workforce training can provide
5 students with the skills and industry-recognized credentials
6 they need to immediately enter the work force after high school.

7 The legislature recognizes that, in addition to working
8 with students, community college faculty and administrators work
9 with employers, industry associations, economic developers, and
10 community organizations to learn how to address employers'
11 workforce needs. The programs help prepare residents for
12 initial employment, career advancement, continuing education,
13 and career changes. Community colleges provide workforce
14 training through both credit-based degree programs and
15 non-credit skill- or credential-focused programs. Residents can
16 earn industry-recognized certificates that are valued by local
17 employers and can be "stacked" to earn higher level certificates
18 or degrees.

19 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to help stimulate
20 and revitalize Hawaii's economy by appropriating moneys to the



1 university of Hawaii community college workforce development
2 programs.

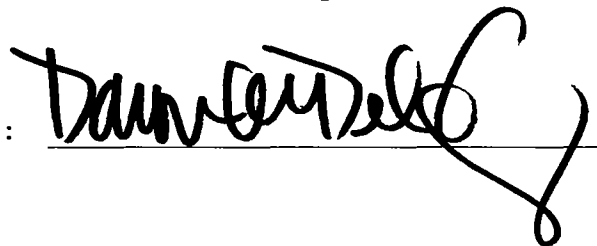
3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$578,240 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2024-2025 for the university of Hawaii community college
8 workforce development programs to fund administration; training;
9 positions; and student support, especially support for dual
10 credit high school students.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
12 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 834

Report Title:

UH; Community Colleges; Workforce Training; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys to support the University of Hawaii community college workforce development programs.

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