
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that YouthBuild is a
2 federal workforce development program that provides employment,
3 education, leadership development, and training opportunities to
4 disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of sixteen
5 and twenty-four, most of whom are secondary school drop outs and
6 are either a member of a low-income family, a foster care youth,
7 a youth offender, a youth with a disability, a child of an
8 incarcerated parent, or a migrant youth.

9 The United States Department of Labor administers the
10 YouthBuild program by awarding approximately \$90,000,000 in
11 grants to one hundred seventy-five current YouthBuild programs
12 in forty United States jurisdictions. Program participants
13 receive education services that may lead to either a high school
14 diploma or general educational development. They also receive
15 occupational skills training and are encouraged to pursue a
16 post-secondary education or additional training, including
17 registered apprenticeship programs. The program is designed to



1 create a skilled workforce either in the construction industry,
2 through the rehabilitation and construction of housing for
3 homeless individuals and families and low-income families, as
4 well as public facilities, or in other high wage, high-demand
5 jobs. The program also benefits the larger community by
6 providing more new and rehabilitated affordable housing.

7 The purpose of this Act is to further improve workforce
8 development in Hawaii by establishing a state YouthBuild program
9 under the department of labor and industrial relations to assist
10 interested non-profit or public entities in applying and
11 qualifying for a grant under the federal YouthBuild program.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§371- YouthBuild program; established. (a) There is
16 established the YouthBuild program, hereinafter referred to as
17 the program, which shall be placed within the department for
18 administrative purposes. The department shall assist non-profit
19 or public entities in applying and qualifying for YouthBuild
20 program grants from the United States Department of Labor.



1 (b) The department shall establish program requirements
2 and procedures to assist non-profit or public entities in
3 applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild program grants.

4 (c) Subject to the availability of funds and requirements
5 established by the department, the department may award grants
6 to eligible non-profit or public entities that have been awarded
7 a federal YouthBuild program grant; provided that any department
8 grant awarded under this section:

9 (1) Shall be used toward meeting the federal twenty-five
10 per cent matching funds requirement of the United
11 States Department of Labor YouthBuild program; and

12 (2) May be matched in cash or in-kind contributions by the
13 eligible non-profit or public entity that is awarded a
14 grant from the department under this section.

15 (d) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
16 to carry out this section."

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
21 year 2024-2025 for administrative costs incurred by the



1 department of labor and industrial relations in administering
2 the state YouthBuild program under this Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2024-2025 for the department of labor and industrial
10 relations to award grants to eligible non-profit or public
11 entities that have been awarded a federal YouthBuild program
12 grant; provided that any funds awarded pursuant to this section
13 shall be used to meet the twenty-five per cent matching funds
14 requirement of the United States Department of Labor YouthBuild
15 program.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Description:

Establishes the state YouthBuild program to assist non-profit and public entities in applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild program grants. Authorizes the department of labor and industrial relations to award grants to eligible non-profit or public entities to meet the matching funds requirement for federal YouthBuild grant awards. Appropriates funds.

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