

**ACT 241**

**H.B. NO. 1500**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to the Establishment of a New Industry Training Program.**

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*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1.** The legislature finds that a substantial increase in the need for training local residents is anticipated if the State is to succeed in attracting new investment by companies locating in our new high technology parks across the State.

The purpose of this Act is to institute such a program to coincide with the opening of the facilities, thereby providing an inducement for businesses to relocate and hire local workers.

The establishment of the new industry training program is consistent with Hawaii's economic development plan for diversification, in general, and high technology, in particular, and will provide strong encouragement for businesses to relocate their operations to Hawaii or to expand existing operations within the State.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 394, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§394- New industry training program.** (a) There is hereby established the new industry training program, which shall be administered by the department of labor and industrial relations. Program moneys may be used to tailor training or retraining programs to meet the needs of qualifying businesses, to reimburse instructors for valid and approved expenditures in delivering instruction under the program, to rent appropriate training facilities and equipment, when necessary, to purchase or develop materials required to deliver the instruction, and for any other training-related expenses.

(b) The department shall utilize the resources of the University of Hawaii, including the community college system, the high technology development corporation, and other educational and training resources in the public and private sectors throughout the State as may be appropriate to be used to provide preemployment or employment training or on-the-job training for local residents hired by businesses relocating to Hawaii or expanding their local operations. The department may contract for these training needs from public agencies including the various University of Hawaii campuses, private educational institutions, nonprofit corporations, or private entities in order to provide the required training.”

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 394, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§394- Eligibility requirements.** (a) In order to be eligible for state-assisted training or retraining under section 394- , businesses must:

- (1) Be licensed to do business in Hawaii;
- (2) Establish or expand operations in Hawaii; and
- (3) Be engaged in research, development, manufacturing, production, or delivery of services in growth industries such as, but not limited to, electronics, software, instrumentation, biotechnology, renewable energy, telecommunications, computers, mariculture, aquaculture, tropical agriculture, Hawaiian natural products, and space applications including astronomical research.

(b) The department may adopt rules to further clarify qualifying businesses and industries, eligible job positions for training, and eligible persons for job training to promote economic expansion within the State and may consult with the department of planning and economic development prior to issuing these rules.”

**SECTION 4.** The department of labor and industrial relations, in contracting for training services to support new industry development and the expansion of growth industries, shall coordinate its planning and implementation of the new industry training program with other available federal and state educational and training programs.

**SECTION 5.** There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 1987-1988 to be expended by the department of labor and industrial relations to carry out the purposes of this Act. The department of labor and industrial relations is authorized to contract for recruitment, education, and training services. These services shall be exempted from chapter 42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in order that the funds for these services may be expended in a timely and flexible manner to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

**SECTION 6.** The director of planning and economic development, in cooperation with the director of labor and industrial relations, shall report annually to the legislature, prior to convening, on the success of the program in inducing new business activity into the State, in job creation and retention, and on the impact of the program upon economic diversification within the State.

**SECTION 7.** New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

**SECTION 8.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 24, 1987.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.