

**ACT 259**

H.B. NO. 80

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Visitor Industry Educational and Training Programs.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the visitor industry has been and will continue to be a mainstay of Hawaii's economy. Over the years, the visitor industry has generated thousands of jobs in the hotel, food and beverage, retail, entertainment, and transportation industries in Hawaii, and the number of jobs in these industries due to the visitor industry is expected to increase dramatically over the next twenty years. As the visitor industry continues to expand, many new jobs will be created on all islands. However, due to the small labor markets and the lack of training in the principles and practices of the tourism industry, the work forces on the neighbor islands will not be prepared to provide the high-quality services for which our State's visitor industry is renowned. Recognizing the problem, the 1988 legislature appropriated \$156,000 to the department of labor and industrial relations

to enable the state tourism training council to provide tourism educational and training services. These services are being delivered to the neighbor islands through the University of Hawaii's school of travel industry management, the University of Hawaii community colleges, and the University of Hawaii at Hilo-Hawaii community college.

The legislature further finds that there is a continued need to expand educational and training programs to support the visitor industry. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to continue the expansion of visitor industry training and educational programs in growing resort areas on all islands. These training and educational programs may include programs and courses currently offered by the University of Hawaii's school of travel industry management and the community colleges.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1989-1990 to be exceeded by \$250,000, or 0.0011 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$87,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1989-1990, and \$87,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, to continue the development and expansion of management and professional level programs on the neighbor islands through the University of Hawaii's school of travel industry management.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$87,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1989-90, and \$87,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, to continue the expansion of visitor industry education and training programs on the neighbor islands by the University of Hawaii community colleges.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1989-1990, and \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, to expand visitor industry education and training programs on Oahu through the University of Hawaii community colleges.

SECTION 6. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 7. The department of budget and finance shall conduct an evaluation and assessment of the visitor industry education and training program conducted by the tourism training council, department of labor and industrial relations, which shall include but not be limited to the organization, management, administration, and operation of the existing program and the possibility of transferring the program to the University of Hawaii. The department of budget and finance shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the legislature at least twenty days prior to the ending of the 1990 regular session of the legislature.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 8, 1989.)