

ACT 171

H.B. NO. 676

A Bill for an Act Relating to Occupational and Career Information.

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

SECTION 1. Section 373C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§373C-1 Findings.** The legislature finds that there is a need to coordinate the efforts of a variety of employment-related agencies, programs, and activities, for the purpose of strengthening employment, training, and educational planning and delivery of services. Promoting this coordination can be achieved best through the development of an occupational and career information planning base. [~~An~~] A Hawaii occupational information system could meet the common needs of vocational education programs and employment and training programs if it contained data on occupational demand and supply based on uniform definitions, standardized estimating procedures, and common classification codes. [~~Sueh~~] This occupational information must be geared to the career decision-making process of youth, as well as to the administrative needs of educational and training planning. The delivery of career information is needed to improve the match of youth career desires with available and anticipated labor demand.”

SECTION 2. Section 373C-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§373C-2 Purpose.** It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the development and delivery of occupational and career information on a statewide

basis. [Sueh] This information is to be used for the purpose of employment, training, educational, and career planning with a special view toward improving the relationship of current and projected supply and demand in the Hawaii work force. It is also the purpose of this chapter to provide for the means to develop and deliver occupational and career information through an overall Hawaii occupational information system composed of a career information delivery system and an occupational employment planning system. Additionally, coordination is to be provided for in the development, dissemination, and application of occupational and career information for the purposes of occupational, educational, employment, and training planning and for the delivery and use of career information in educational and occupational decision making by youth, trainees, and job seekers. [~~Although other agencies may operate programs to implement these purposes and authorities, a coordinating committee will facilitate the integration of occupational information into program planning.~~]

SECTION 3. Section 373C-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§373C-21 Purpose. An occupational information data base can provide information for employment, training, and educational program planning, as well as provide input for career planning and job search purposes. The system shall use data collection procedures established by various programs for input and apply standardized estimating procedures for developing current and projected labor market supply and demand data. The system shall deliver the necessary occupationally related information to a widely divergent user population, including planners, students, trainees, and job searchers, in appropriate formats whether manual, internet, or computer-based. The overall occupational information system shall be designed to meet the needs of youth and adult career planners and job seekers as well as the needs of educational, training, and employment program planners for planning data on projected occupational supply and demand.”

SECTION 4. Section 373C-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§373C-23 Responsibilities. [~~In consultation with the Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee and other potential users, the~~] The department of labor and industrial relations shall be responsible for the preparation of occupational employment demand information concerning projected needs for occupational skills in Hawaii’s labor market. The department of education and University of Hawaii systems shall be responsible for the production of uniform [~~public and private~~] educational supply data concerning students in courses related to each occupational category [~~in consultation with the committee and other potential users~~].

The [state employment and training council in consultation with the committee and other potential users] workforce development council shall be responsible for coordinating the production of [~~federal~~] federally funded training supply data concerning trainees enrolled and completing training programs in each occupational category. The department of human services shall be responsible for preparing information concerning welfare and vocational trainees enrolled and completing training [~~activities and other rehabilitative data required~~] by [~~the~~] occupational [~~information system in consultation with the committee and other potential users~~] category.

All of the identified entities in this section shall jointly develop and produce, to the extent feasible, other data required of the occupational information system.”

SECTION 5. Section 373C-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§373C-31 System’s powers and duties.** The Hawaii career information delivery system shall be a part of the Hawaii occupational information system. It shall develop and deliver occupational and educational information used for career choice and job search purposes. The information used in the Hawaii career information delivery system shall be obtained primarily from the Hawaii occupational information system and shall be available to all regions and people of the State. Career information shall be delivered to meet ~~[user]~~ customer needs through schools, training sites, employment service offices, and social service offices but shall not be restricted to these ~~[user]~~ customer sites.”

SECTION 6. Section 373C-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§373C-32 Organization.** The delivery of career information on a state-wide basis shall be through the Hawaii career information delivery system program, operated and managed by the department of labor and industrial relations ~~[and managed by the Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee,]~~ to provide for the maximum input of ~~[user]~~ customer needs and concerns practicable.”

SECTION 7. Section 373C-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§373C-42 Organization.** The development of occupational employment planning information shall be ~~[coordinated by the Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee and shall be]~~ carried out through the responsibilities defined in section 373C-23.”

SECTION 8. Chapter 373C, part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 9. Section 373C-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 10. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.¹ New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 29, 2001.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.