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H.B. NO. 432

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Millennium Workforce Development Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 371-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[[]§371-17[]] Millennium workforce development training program. (a) There is established a millennium workforce development training program, hereinafter referred to as the program, that shall be placed with the [department-of labor-and industrial-relations] department of business, economic development, and tourism for administrative purposes. The program shall provide education and training at the post-high school to graduate levels, and shall include public, private, and for-profit educational institutions. In the design and delivery of training, the program may cooperate or contract with other public, private, and for-profit institutions.

(b) The program shall seek and encourage partnerships with private sector industries such as biotechnology, information technology, environmental science and technology, and telecommunications, as may be appropriate, to provide preemployment or employment training, or on-the-job training for employees and [perspective] prospective employees.

(c) The [department of labor and industrial relations] department of business, economic development, and tourism shall establish and lead a public and private partnership task group, that shall include representatives from [the department of business, economic development, and tourism,] the department of labor and industrial relations, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the University of Hawaii community colleges, and private sector representatives to advise on the program design, industry, recruitment, and training delivery activities of participating entities.

(d) In carrying out the duties of this section, the [department-of-labor-and industrial-relations] department of business, economic development, and tourism and the University of Hawaii shall seek and utilize any available funding sources, including grant moneys."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001-2002 to operate the millennium workforce development training program.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2001.

(Approved June 19, 2001.)