

## ACT 310

S.B. NO. 865

A Bill for an Act Relating to School-to-Work.

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

SECTION 1. Act 343, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, is amended by amending section 1 to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii and the rest of the states are undertaking a major initiative that involves reforming education, developing its workforce, and stimulating economic development. The states are attempting to create a school-to-work system that all major industrialized countries have in place except for the United States. To help accomplish this, Congress enacted the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994, P.L. 103-239. Hawaii [~~will receive \$10,200,000 over a five-year period to build~~] has received \$10,625,000 by September 2000, to assist in building a school-to-work system.

Building a school-to-work [~~opportunities~~] system is a difficult and enormous undertaking. It requires systemic change and involvement of all segments of the community in the effort, particularly business, industry, and labor. Moreover, it must involve all of education from kindergarten [~~to~~] through postsecondary education, all academic and vocational disciplines, and all students.

Building a school-to-work system requires time. The School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994, Public Law 103-239, provided five years of “seed” money

to begin the process. Five years is not enough time to bring about the systemic changes that need to occur. If school-to-work is to continue, then it must receive support from state and local entities.

The purpose of this Act is to [establish] continue the development of a school-to-work [opportunities] system in Hawaii, including the mechanism for governance, management, and distribution of federal and state resources.”

SECTION 2. Act 343, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, is amended by amending section 2 to read as follows:

“SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“PART . [SCHOOL TO WORK OPPORTUNITIES PILOT PROJECT] SCHOOL-TO-WORK

§302A- Hawaii school-to-work [opportunities] executive council; establishment; composition. (a) There is established a Hawaii school-to-work [opportunities] executive council. The members of the council shall be appointed by the governor. The council shall consist of up to, but not more than, twenty-one members. Council membership shall consist of [six]:

(1) Six executive heads of state agencies, [the] serving as ex officio voting members:

(A) The superintendent of [the department of] education[-, the];

(B) The president of the University of Hawaii[-, the];

(C) The state director [of vocational] for career and technical education[-, and the]; and

(D) The directors of the departments of business, economic development, and tourism, human services, and labor and industrial relations[-, serving as ex officio voting members. Representatives from local or regional partnerships, a];

and

(2) A member of:

(A) The board of education designated by the chairperson of the board of education; and

(B) The board of regents of the University of Hawaii designated by the chair of the board of regents.

A student member[-,] and a voting majority representing business, industry, labor, and community organizations [which] that include regional representations from all counties shall be appointed pursuant to section 26-34.

(b) The length of service for [the]:

(1) The directors of departments of the State represented on the council shall be limited to the terms of their cabinet appointments[-];

(2) The terms of the superintendent of education, the president of the University of Hawaii, and the state director for career and technical education shall be limited to their terms of office;

(3) The terms of the board of education and board of regents members shall be at the discretion of the chairs of the respective boards; and

(4) The terms of all non-state agency head members shall be for three years, commencing on July 1 of the first year and ending on June 30, of the third year.

Terms shall be staggered with one-third of the members being appointed in each fiscal year.

[~~(b)~~] (c) Vacancies shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired term. The governor shall appoint as chairperson of the council a member other than a state

agency head or a board of education or board of regents member who shall be recommended by the council.

(e) (d) The council members shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to their traveling expenses within the State when attending meetings of the council or when actually engaged in business relating to the work of the council.

**§302A- Powers of the council.** The powers of the Hawaii school-to-work [opportunities] executive council shall include[;] but not be limited to:

- (1) Establishing and setting the general directions<sup>1</sup> for the Hawaii school-to-work [opportunities] system[;] and its council[; and executive director];
- (2) [Appointing, supervising, and if necessary, discharging the executive director, not subject to chapters 76 and 77;] Advising the department on the appointment of staff;
- (3) Establishing rules and procedures regarding its membership and operations;
- (4) Seeking federal, state, and private resources;
- [(4)] (5) Approving expenditure plans and award grants/contracts[;] from moneys secured through the school-to-work council/office to districts/local school/business partnerships. Approval of expenditure plans and awarding of grants/contracts shall be consistent with department of education policy;
- [(5)] (6) Ratifying the establishment of all necessary standing and ad hoc committees; and
- [(6)] (7) Engaging in such activities as may be necessary or desirable to implement the functions of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994, and of the council or through delegation to [the executive director.] the department of education.

**§302A- Staff.** The [Hawaii school-to-work opportunities executive council] department may appoint such staff as deemed necessary, not subject to chapters 76 and 77, to carry out [its] the functions and duties[. The staff of the council shall report to the executive director.] of the Hawaii school-to-work executive council.

**§302A- Contracts.** The Hawaii school-to-work [opportunities] executive council [or its executive director] may advise the department to make, execute, enter into, amend, supplement, and carry out contracts, and all other instruments the council finds are necessary or convenient for the fulfillment of its functions and duties.

**§302A- Organizational relationships.** The Hawaii school-to-work [opportunities] executive council shall act as the [governing] advocacy board for the school-to-work system. The Hawaii school-to-work [opportunities] council [and staff] shall be placed within the department of education for administrative purposes."

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 July 2, 2001.)

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### **Note**

1. Prior to amendment “and policy” appeared here.