
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that rural communities
2 throughout the state have been significantly impacted by the
3 condition of Hawaii's economy. The situation is especially
4 critical in rural communities on the island of Hawaii: in
5 recent years, the county of Hawaii has experienced the lowest
6 per capita income levels in the entire state--nearly \$4,000 less
7 than the state average. The situation has been exacerbated by
8 the demise of established businesses such as Hamakua Sugar
9 Company, which at one point employed nearly ten per cent of
10 Hawaii island's workers.

11 The legislature further finds that vocational education
12 programs enhance the job skills of citizens who are unemployed,
13 and increase these citizens' access to employment opportunities.
14 Accordingly, the establishment of vocational education programs
15 serving unemployed and underemployed persons will aid in
16 improving economic conditions on the island of Hawaii.

17 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
18 establishment of post-high school vocational education programs



1 in Pahoia and Ka'u, in the county of Hawaii, to provide pre-
2 employment and job skills training for unemployed and
3 underemployed workers.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and \$
7 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009
8 to establish post-high school vocational education programs in
9 Pahoia and Ka'u, in the county of Hawaii, to provide pre-
10 employment and job skills training for unemployed and
11 underemployed workers.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Vocational Education; Hawaii County; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the establishment of post-high school vocational education programs in Pahoa and Ka'u, in the county of Hawaii.

