

JAN 22 2016

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the modern economy
2 requires colleges to react quickly to meet the technical
3 workforce needs of the public and private sectors, both to fill
4 emerging job opportunities and upgrade the skills of existing
5 workers to meet changing requirements of their positions as
6 technology changes. Examples include entry level informational
7 technology positions, security service positions, health and
8 home care positions, and, particularly since the closure of the
9 last sugar plantation, agricultural workers. To be responsive
10 to workforce needs, the training must be developed and delivered
11 rapidly, and often in a format other than a formal degree
12 program.

13 The purpose of this Act is to make explicit the
14 responsibility of the University of Hawaii community colleges to
15 provide short-term and rapid response occupational and
16 certification programs designed to qualify individuals to fill



1 new and hard-to-fill positions that require technical training
2 in the State and counties.

3 SECTION 2. Section 304A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) The purposes of community colleges shall be to
6 provide:

7 (1) Two-year college transfer and general education
8 programs;

9 (2) Two- and four-year career and technical education
10 programs;

11 (3) Semiprofessional, career and technical, and continuing
12 education programs [7], including occupational training
13 and certification programs designed to rapidly qualify
14 persons to fill new and hard-to-fill classes of
15 positions of the State, counties, and private sector
16 that require technical skills; and

17 (4) [~~Such~~] Any other educational programs and services as
18 may be appropriate to [~~such~~] those institutions."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for



1 occupational training and certification programs designed to
2 rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill classes of
3 non-professional positions of the State, counties, and private
4 sector that require technical skills.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
6 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

10

INTRODUCED BY:

[Signature]

[Signature]
[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]



S.B. NO. 2543

Report Title:

Rapid Occupational Training and Certification Program;
University Of Hawaii Community College System

Description:

Adds as a purpose of the University of Hawaii community college system the provision of occupational training and certification programs designed to rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill position classes of the State, counties, and private sector that require technical skills. Appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds for the programs. Effective 07/01/16.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

