
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that cultivating a
2 technically skilled workforce can help Hawaii's economy by
3 ensuring that emerging and critical industries have a reliable
4 and qualified labor force. The legislature further finds that
5 the agricultural, agricultural processing, and tourism sectors
6 contain opportunities for workers with entry-level skills to
7 participate in the workforce and to advance as they gain more
8 experience and skills. Finally, the legislature finds that
9 offering technical and vocational training to individuals
10 experiencing homelessness may be a high-return investment
11 opportunity because it has the potential to provide steady
12 income opportunities to these individuals, reduce the number of
13 people living on the streets, and support established and
14 emerging economic sectors in the State.

15 The purpose of this Act is to establish and fund job
16 readiness training in the agricultural and tourism industries
17 for individuals who have been affected by homelessness to enable



1 these individuals to help themselves by learning useful
2 employment skills and to support important economic sectors in
3 the State.

4 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
5 of labor and industrial relations a two-year job training pilot
6 project for individuals affected by homelessness. The pilot
7 project shall coordinate and provide funding to eligible
8 organizations that provide job readiness and job skills training
9 in agricultural skills, agricultural processing skills, and
10 tourism industry skills to adults who have been affected by
11 homelessness.

12 For purposes of the pilot project, "job readiness and job
13 skills training" means vocational and technical education and
14 training for the purpose of assisting and supporting jobseekers
15 in overcoming individual barriers to employment and developing
16 the skills necessary to successfully gain and maintain
17 employment and to take advantage of further employment
18 advancement and skills training opportunities.

19 (b) The department shall develop an application form and
20 process and shall create criteria for selecting eligible
21 organizations to receive funding and to participate in the pilot



1 project. The selection process and provision of funds shall be
2 exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

3 An eligible organization shall:

4 (1) Be exempt from federal income taxation as an
5 organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the
6 Internal Revenue Code and in compliance with all
7 requirements of section 501(c)(3);

8 (2) Demonstrate expertise in providing job readiness
9 training or job skills training for the agricultural,
10 agricultural processing, and tourism industries; and

11 (3) Comply with any additional criteria required by the
12 department for participation as an eligible
13 organization in the pilot project.

14 (c) The department shall develop eligibility and screening
15 criteria for eligible individuals to participate in the program.
16 Eligible individuals who meet department-specified criteria
17 shall be selected to participate in job readiness and job skills
18 training by each selected eligible organization. The criteria
19 developed by the department shall require that each participant
20 be at least eighteen years of age and:



- 1 (1) Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time
2 residence; or
- 3 (2) Have a primary night-time residence that is:
- 4 (A) A supervised and publicly or privately operated
5 shelter designed to provide temporary living
6 accommodations;
- 7 (B) An institution that provides temporary residence
8 for individuals intended to be institutionalized;
9 or
- 10 (C) A public or private place not designed for or
11 ordinarily used as sleeping accommodations for
12 human beings.
- 13 (d) The department shall award grants to selected eligible
14 organizations to be used for the following purposes:
- 15 (1) To provide job readiness and job skills training to
16 eligible individuals, including the salaries of
17 trainers and support personnel, training supplies, and
18 other related expenses incurred by the eligible
19 organization; and



1 (2) To provide a stipend to eligible individuals who
2 remain actively engaged in and attend the training
3 provided through the pilot program.

4 SECTION 3. The department shall compile disaggregated data
5 on the number of eligible individuals who enroll in the program,
6 the number of eligible individuals who complete the program, and
7 the number of eligible individuals who gain employment after
8 completing the training provided through the pilot project. The
9 department shall make this data available to the department of
10 human services and the legislature, upon request.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2018-2019 for the department of labor and industrial relations
16 to institute the job training pilot project for individuals
17 affected by homelessness and award grants to selected eligible
18 organizations in accordance with this Act.

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



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
2 and shall be repealed on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Homelessness; Job Skills and Readiness Training; Pilot Project

Description:

Establishes a two-year job training pilot project in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for individuals affected by homelessness to provide job readiness and job skills training in the agricultural, agricultural processing, and tourism industries. Makes appropriation.

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