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# 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 changing  
3 technical workforce demands of the public and private sectors,  
4 both to fill emerging job opportunities and upgrade the skills  
5 of existing workers to meet changing requirements of their  
6 positions as technology advances. Examples include entry level  
7 informational technology positions, security service positions,  
8 health and home care positions, and, particularly since the  
9 closure of the last sugar plantation, agricultural workers. To  
10 be responsive to workforce needs, the training must be developed  
11 and delivered rapidly, often in a format other than a formal  
12 degree 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 training and  
16 certification programs designed to qualify individuals to fill



1 new and hard-to-fill positions of the State, counties, and  
2 private sector that require technical training.

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~~[+]~~, 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 2017-2018 and the



1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2 2018-2019 for occupational training and certification programs  
3 designed to rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill  
4 classes of non-professional positions of the State, counties,  
5 and private sector that require technical skills.

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on May 12, 2059.



**Report Title:**

Rapid Occupational Training and Certification Program; Community College System; Appropriation

**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 funds for the programs. Effective 5/12/2059. (SD2)

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