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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, AND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A K-12 CURRICULUM-TO-CAREER PIPELINE INITIATIVE.

1 WHEREAS, there is a disconnect between the needs and  
2 expectations of today's employers and the skills of the State's  
3 workforce; and  
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5 WHEREAS, industries in the State increasingly require  
6 employees with technology-based skills such as computer science  
7 and coding and engineering, and second language skills; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the current low unemployment rate has made it  
10 difficult to fill technology-based positions, and business and  
11 education groups report that few individuals in the State have  
12 the necessary job skills for available job openings; and  
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14 WHEREAS, closing the skills gap for science, technology,  
15 engineering, and mathematics positions is extremely important,  
16 as jobs in these sectors are expected to grow 1.7 times faster  
17 than other jobs in the coming years; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Honolulu has not been able to keep up with the  
20 rising demand for science, technology, engineering, and  
21 mathematics professionals, and according to a 2018 analysis of  
22 the best metropolitan areas for these professionals, Honolulu  
23 ranked eighty-second out of one hundred; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Hawaii has also experienced difficulty retaining  
26 highly-skilled workers in the State, and a recent United States  
27 Census report found that more than thirteen thousand people  
28 moved out of Hawaii than moved in from other states; and



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1 WHEREAS, improving job training and more closely aligning  
2 education with employment will help close the current skills gap  
3 and may encourage more skilled workers to remain in the State,  
4 thereby strengthening the State's overall economy; now,  
5 therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
8 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the  
9 Department of Education, in collaboration with the University of  
10 Hawaii; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and  
11 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; is  
12 requested to develop and implement a K-12 Curriculum-to-Career  
13 Pipeline Initiative; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the K-12 Curriculum-to-Career  
16 Pipeline Initiative be developed and implemented to enable  
17 students to pursue training and education throughout their time  
18 at a school complex so that upon graduation, the students  
19 possess the appropriate skills, certifications, licensing, or  
20 college credits necessary to enter the State's workforce; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
24 Education; President of the University of Hawaii System;  
25 Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; and Director of  
26 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.  
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