



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1265**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

SB516 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO EDUCATION  
**ACT 163 (21)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

# 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, in the current job  
2 market, nearly sixty-five per cent of available positions  
3 require postsecondary credentials. Industry-recognized  
4 credentials are important because they teach the specific  
5 knowledge and skills that are required for an occupation or  
6 industry. Full-time employees with industry credentials earn  
7 more than their uncredentialed counterparts, and, in some cases,  
8 the salaries of credential holders who do not hold college  
9 degrees are similar to the salaries of college graduates.

10           The legislature also finds that the State has critical  
11 shortages of qualified and credentialed workers in sectors  
12 including health, education, air travel, and technology. Given  
13 the recent downturn in the State's economy and the rise in  
14 unemployment, it is especially important for Hawaii to equip its  
15 students for the existing job market. To this end, the  
16 Promising Credentials project, a collaborative effort aimed at  
17 using Hawaii labor market data and local employer insights to  
18 identify high-value industry credentials in the State, was



1 launched. This information will enable local career readiness  
2 programs to better tailor their offerings to Hawaii's job market  
3 and to deliver more effective services to both students and  
4 employers. However, there is a need for the data to be  
5 disaggregated by credential and to be consistently collected and  
6 reported by state agencies.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 8 (1) Require the state board for career and technical  
9 education to oversee and review annually the statewide  
10 data collection processes, reporting requirements, and  
11 business rules related to the student attainment of  
12 industry-recognized credentials;
- 13 (2) Require the state board for career and technical  
14 education to provide an annual report to the governor  
15 and the legislature on students' attainment of  
16 industry-recognized credentials; and
- 17 (3) Include career and technical education and credential  
18 data in the statewide longitudinal data system to help  
19 assess the longitudinal education and workforce  
20 outcomes of students who attempted an educational  
21 course, training program, career program,



1 postsecondary program, or other workforce training  
2 program.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to subpart C of part I to be  
5 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

6 "§304A- Industry-recognized credentials; data  
7 collection. (a) The board shall review annually the statewide  
8 data collection processes, reporting requirements, and business  
9 rules related to the student attainment of industry-recognized  
10 credentials. The board shall ensure consistent data collection  
11 and transparent reporting across relevant state educational  
12 systems and agencies. The board shall provide an annual report  
13 to the governor and the legislature on students' attainment of  
14 industry-recognized credentials.

15 (b) All state data collection processes, reporting  
16 requirements, and business rules shall support the collection of  
17 student-level data to include data that is disaggregated  
18 specifically for Hawaii's population, including but not limited  
19 to disaggregated data for Native Hawaiians and Pacific  
20 Islanders, of industry-recognized credential attainment.

1        (c) The board's annual report shall be published digitally  
2 and shall be made available to all relevant stakeholders,  
3 including students and families, educational institutions,  
4 educators, employers, and community members.

5        (d) As used in this section:

6        "Board" means the state board for career and technical  
7 education.

8        "Industry-recognized credential" means a credential  
9 recognized as having value to the holder of the credential in  
10 the labor market in Hawaii."

11        SECTION 3. Act 46, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, is amended  
12 by amending section 13 to read as follows:

13        "SECTION 13. Section 27-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15        "**§27-7 Departmental data sharing.** (a) The department of  
16 education, the University of Hawaii, the department of labor and  
17 industrial relations, and other state agencies, as appropriate,  
18 shall share data through the statewide longitudinal data system  
19 to support research that will improve educational and workforce  
20 outcomes [~~and meet the longitudinal data requirements of the~~  
21 ~~federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as~~



1 amended]. The data to be shared shall be determined jointly by  
2 the department of education, the University of Hawaii, the  
3 department of labor and industrial relations, and other state  
4 agencies, as appropriate, and shall be shared no less than  
5 annually.

6 (b) The department of education, the University of Hawaii,  
7 the department of labor and industrial relations, and other  
8 state agencies, as appropriate, shall share data in a manner  
9 that safeguards the confidentiality of student education  
10 records, as defined by the federal Family Educational Rights and  
11 Privacy Act, and workforce data, as provided by applicable  
12 federal and state laws, rules, and regulations.

13 (c) The statewide longitudinal data system shall store and  
14 analyze career and technical education data it receives from all  
15 state educational systems and workforce training agencies  
16 pursuant to section 304A- to analyze the cross-agency  
17 longitudinal education and workforce outcomes of students who  
18 attempted an educational course, training program, career  
19 program, postsecondary program, or other state-supported  
20 workforce training program. Data to be shared shall be



1 determined jointly by the relevant agencies and shall be shared  
2 no less than annually.

3       [~~(e)~~] (d) All data shared by or with the department of  
4 human services, department of education, public charter school  
5 authorizers, public charter schools, executive office on early  
6 learning, and other entities as required by statute shall be  
7 subject to any administrative rule regarding privacy adopted by  
8 the department or agency that collected the data.

9       [~~(d)~~] (e) The department of education, the University of  
10 Hawaii, the department of labor and industrial relations, and  
11 other state agencies, as appropriate, shall [~~establish a data~~  
12 ~~governance and access committee that meets on a quarterly basis~~  
13 ~~to~~] partner to collectively govern the statewide longitudinal  
14 data system and determine protocols to:

- 15       (1) Prioritize analyses and research questions that will  
16       provide information to improve educational and  
17       workforce outcomes and policies; and
- 18       (2) Approve requests for access to data provided by the  
19       department of education, the University of Hawaii, the  
20       department of labor and industrial [~~+~~]relations[~~+~~],  
21       and other state agencies, as appropriate.



1        [~~e~~] (f) All state agency directors shall consider  
2 sharing data for the statewide longitudinal data system." "

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

5        SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
6 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

APPROVED this 01 day of JUL, 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

SB No. 516, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 27, 2021  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate