
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.



Report Title:

Industry-recognized Credentials; Data; State Board for Career and Technical Education

Description:

Beginning 7/1/2022, requires the state board for career and technical education to oversee and review annually certain statewide processes, requirements, and rules related to the student attainment of industry-recognized credentials. Requires an annual report to the governor and legislature. Requires the statewide longitudinal data system to include career and technical education data for analysis. (CD1)

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