
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that current high
2 school graduates, as well as non-graduates, would benefit from
3 aligning educational curriculum to a workforce readiness
4 preparation program. This alignment depends upon close
5 collaboration between the department of education adult
6 community schools and high schools, community colleges,
7 workforce development council, and employers. A workforce
8 readiness program would ensure that students learn skills and
9 earn credentials required by industry for employment after
10 graduation or completion of the community school for adults
11 workforce preparation program.

12 The legislature further finds that collaboration between
13 educators and industry employers will enable students to earn
14 a community school for adults workforce development diploma
15 credential. Students may also earn pre-apprenticeship
16 certificates and other certificates, recognized by industry,
17 in addition to an associate degree.



1 The purpose of this Act is to establish a workforce
2 readiness program within the department of education's
3 community school for adults program.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§302A- Workforce readiness program; establishment.

8 (a) There is established a workforce readiness program
9 within the department's community school for adults program.

10 (b) The department shall designate schools, including
11 the community school for adults, to participate in the
12 program.

13 (c) Schools participating in the workforce readiness
14 program shall provide opportunities for students to earn, in
15 addition to an associate degree, a workforce development
16 diploma, a pre-apprenticeship certificate, or other
17 certificates recognized by industry to assess and document
18 student readiness for a wide range of jobs.

19 (d) The department may coordinate with the department of
20 labor and industrial relations and the department of human
21 services division of vocational rehabilitation and enter into



1 contracts with industry employers to develop and implement the
2 workforce readiness program.

3 (e) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter
4 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section."

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
8 the two existing department of education community school for
9 adult campuses and the satellite sites to implement the
10 workforce readiness program in collaboration with the department
11 of labor and industrial relations, department of human services'
12 division of vocational rehabilitation, workforce development
13 council, American job centers, local businesses, hotels,
14 employers, apprenticeship programs, and community colleges in
15 meeting the demands for a career-ready workforce; and for:

16 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position at the
17 McKinley community school for adults; and

18 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position at the
19 Waipahu community school for adults,

20 to implement the workforce readiness program.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 education for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Department of Education; Adult Education; Workforce Development
Diploma; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a workforce readiness diploma program within the
Department of Education's Community School for Adults program.
Appropriates an unspecified amount of funds. (SD1)

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