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 for completion of the community school for

11 adults 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 part II to be appropriately

6 designated 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) In addition to offering an associate degree, schools

14 participating in the workforce readiness program shall

15 provide opportunities for students to earn workforce

16 development diplomas, pre-apprenticeship certificates, or

17 other certificates recognized by industry to assess and

18 document 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 adults primary campuses and associated satellite sites to

10 implement the workforce readiness program, established by

11 section 2 of this Act, in collaboration with the department of

12 labor and industrial relations, department of human services'

13 division of vocational rehabilitation, workforce development

14 council, American job centers, local businesses, hotels,

15 employers, apprenticeship programs, and community colleges in

16 meeting the demands for a career-ready workforce; and for:

17   (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position at the

18   McKinley community school for adults; and

19   (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position at the

20   Waipahu community school for adults,

21 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, 2050.

Report Title:
DOE; 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 moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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