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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's community
2 colleges play a critical role in the economic recovery and
3 revitalization of the State, including support for residents by
4 providing opportunities to improve their employment prospects
5 and developing a workforce that helps companies and nonprofit
6 organizations meet the community's needs and survive and thrive
7 as businesses.

8 Community colleges are at the forefront of post-secondary
9 workforce development programs both locally and across the
10 United States. Programs that are designed to positively impact
11 local employment pipelines and provide skills for students to
12 succeed in jobs that pay not just the minimum wage, but a
13 family-sustaining wage, are critical to rebuilding the post-
14 pandemic economy and developing Hawaii's future workforce.

15 Hawaii's community college faculty and administrators work
16 with employers, industry associations, economic development
17 leaders, and community organizations to develop and offer



1 workforce training programs to prepare residents for current and
2 future employment opportunities, whether for initial employment,
3 advancement, continuing education, or career changes. Community
4 colleges provide workforce training through their credit-based
5 degree programs as well as non-credit workforce training
6 programs. Hawaii's community colleges also provide
7 opportunities for residents to earn industry-recognized
8 certificates that are valued by local employers, and which can
9 also be "stacked" toward higher level certificates and/or
10 degrees.

11 The purpose of this Act is to utilize the University of
12 Hawaii's community colleges as a channel to assist in
13 stimulating and revitalizing Hawaii's economic recovery by
14 appropriating funds for administration, training, and student
15 support for workforce development programs.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
19 the University of Hawaii community colleges workforce
20 development program for administration, training, positions, and
21 student support.



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

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: James Mercado



S.B. NO. 3374

Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Workforce Development; Community Colleges; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the University of Hawaii Workforce Development Program for administration, training, positions, and student support.

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