



GOV. MSG. NO. 1364

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

7/7/2022

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 7/7/2022, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1561 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO EDUCATION.
ACT 261

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1561
H.D. 1
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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 the State's high
2 school students and adult education students would benefit from
3 a work readiness preparation program. A close collaboration
4 between educators and industry employers would ensure that
5 students develop the skills and credentials needed to make them
6 highly employable.

7 The legislature recognizes the benefit of allowing
8 students, including students at adult and community schools, to
9 earn associate degrees, workforce development diplomas, pre-
10 apprenticeship certificates, and other industry-recognized
11 certificates.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish an
13 adult workforce readiness program.

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



1 "§302A- Adult workforce readiness program; established.

2 (a) There is established within the department an adult
3 workforce readiness program to be administered by the adult and
4 community education program.

5 (b) The department shall designate schools, including
6 adult and community schools, that may participate in the
7 program.

8 (c) Designated adult workforce readiness program schools
9 shall provide opportunities for students to earn associate
10 degrees, as well as workforce development diplomas, pre-
11 apprenticeship certificates, and other industry-recognized
12 certificates that assess and document the student's readiness
13 for a wide range of employment.

14 (d) The department may coordinate with the department of
15 labor and industrial relations and the department of human
16 services division of vocational rehabilitation and may enter
17 into contracts with local industry employers, as appropriate, to
18 develop and implement the workforce readiness program.

19 (e) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
20 for the purposes of this section."

21 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

APPROVED this 7th day of July , 2022



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1561, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022
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 2022.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 3, 2022
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 2022.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate