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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that state workforce  
2 development boards assist the governors by reviewing statewide  
3 policies and programs and making recommendations to align  
4 workforce, education, training, and employment funding programs  
5 in a manner that supports a comprehensive and streamlined  
6 workforce development system. As part of the statewide review  
7 function in assisting the governors, the federal Workforce  
8 Innovation and Opportunity Act and related regulations outline  
9 requirements regarding conflicts of interest for recipients and  
10 subrecipients of federal awards as well as for state and local  
11 workforce development board and standing committee members.

12           The legislature further finds that Act 88, Session Laws of  
13 Hawaii 2021, also known as the General Appropriations Act of  
14 2021, eliminated the program identification number for the  
15 Hawaii workforce development council and transferred its  
16 appropriation and positions to the workforce development  
17 division of the department of labor and industrial relations.



1           The legislature also finds that reports on the activities  
2 of the k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline  
3 initiative are no longer needed and that the requirement should  
4 be repealed from section 371-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

5           The purpose of this Act is to amend the Hawaii workforce  
6 development council law to be consistent with the state budget  
7 as enacted in Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, and to  
8 conform the state workforce development board statute to the  
9 nomenclature and conflict of interest provisions found in the  
10 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and related regulations  
11 in the Code of Federal Regulations.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
14 and to read as follows:

15           "§202-           Conflict of interest. (a) The Hawaii workforce  
16 development board and local workforce development boards shall  
17 develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with  
18 P.L. 113-128 (29 U.S.C. 3111(f) and 3122(h)), title 29 Code of  
19 Federal Regulations section 97.36, title 20 Code of Federal  
20 Regulations parts 679 and 683, title 2 Code of Federal  
21 Regulations parts 200 and 2900, as amended, and chapter 84.



1        (b) Separate from and in addition to any standards of  
2 conduct set forth in chapter 84, a member or standing committee  
3 member of the Hawaii workforce development board, or a member or  
4 standing committee member of a local workforce development board  
5 shall not:

6        (1) Vote on or participate in a discussion about a matter  
7 under consideration by the board or standing  
8 committee:

9        (A) Regarding the provision of services by the  
10 member, or by an entity the member represents; or

11        (B) That would provide direct financial benefit to  
12 the member or the member's immediate family; or

13        (2) Engage in any other activity determined by the  
14 governor to constitute a conflict of interest under  
15 P.L. 113-128 (29 U.S.C. 3111(f) and 3122(h)), title 29  
16 Code of Federal Regulations section 97.36, title 20  
17 Code of Federal Regulations parts 679 and 683, and  
18 title 2 Code of Federal Regulations parts 200 and  
19 2900, as amended."

20        SECTION 3. Chapter 202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended by amending its title to read as follows:



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"CHAPTER 202

HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT [~~COUNCIL~~] BOARD"

SECTION 4. Section 202-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§202-1 [~~Council~~]; Hawaii workforce development board; appointment; tenure. [~~+~~] (a) [~~-~~] ~~The advisory commission on employment and human resources is hereby constituted as the workforce development council. The council]~~ There is established the Hawaii workforce development board that shall be placed within the department of labor and industrial relations for administrative purposes and shall [also] fulfill the functions of the state workforce development board for purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, P.L. No. 113-128[-] (29 U.S.C. 3101 et. seq.).

(b) Except for the ex officio members or their designees, the [~~council~~] board members shall be appointed by the governor for four-year staggered terms as provided for in section 26-34. The governor shall [~~appoint~~] select the chairperson of the [~~council~~]. board from among the private sector members set forth in paragraph (4). The [~~council~~] board shall be constituted as



1 provided by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
2 of 2014, P.L. 113-128 (29 U.S.C. 3111) of the following members:

3 (1) The directors of labor and industrial relations and  
4 business, economic development, and tourism; the  
5 superintendent of education; and the president of the  
6 [~~University~~] university of Hawaii or their designees,  
7 as ex officio, voting members;

8 (2) The administrator of the division of vocational  
9 rehabilitation, department of human services, as an ex  
10 officio, voting member;

11 (3) The private sector chairpersons of the four [~~county~~]  
12 local workforce development boards, or their designees  
13 from the private sector membership of their respective  
14 boards, as ex officio, voting members;

15 (4) Seventeen representatives from the private sector,  
16 including nonprofit organizations and businesses in  
17 the State, appointed from individuals nominated by  
18 state business organizations and business trade  
19 associations;

20 (5) Eight representatives from labor organizations and  
21 workforce training organizations, two or more of whom



1 shall be representatives of labor organizations who  
2 have been nominated by state labor federations, and  
3 one of whom shall be a labor representative from a  
4 community-based native Hawaiian organization that  
5 operates workforce development programs;

6 (6) A member of each house of the legislature, for two-  
7 year terms beginning in January of odd-numbered years,  
8 appointed by the appropriate presiding officer of each  
9 house, as ex officio, voting members;

10 (7) The four mayors or their designees, as ex officio,  
11 voting members; and

12 (8) The governor or the governor's designee.

13 ~~[+](c) [+—Council]~~ Board members shall serve without  
14 compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
15 necessary for the performance of their duties.

16 ~~[+(d)] From June 6, 2016, and until such time that the~~  
17 ~~council has forty-one members, sixteen council members shall~~  
18 ~~constitute a quorum to do business, and the concurrence of at~~  
19 ~~least sixteen council members shall be necessary to make any~~  
20 ~~action of the council valid.~~



1        ~~[(e)]~~ (d) All ~~[council]~~ board members may continue to  
 2        serve on the ~~[council]~~ board until their respective successors  
 3        have been appointed. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall  
 4        serve the remainder of the term of the person's predecessor."

5        SECTION 5. Section 202-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 6        amended to read as follows:

7        "**§202-2 Duties of ~~[council.]~~ board.** In accordance with  
 8        P.L. 113-128 (29 U.S.C. section 3111), the Hawaii workforce  
 9        development ~~[council]~~ board shall assist the governor in:

- 10        (1) The development, implementation, and modification of
- 11        the state plan consistent with P.L. 113-128 (29 U.S.C.
- 12        section 3112);
- 13        (2) The review of statewide policies, statewide programs,
- 14        and recommendations on actions that should be taken by
- 15        the State to align workforce development programs in a
- 16        manner that supports a comprehensive and streamlined
- 17        workforce development system in the State, including
- 18        consideration of programs and activities of one-stop
- 19        partners that are not core programs;
- 20        (3) Coordination of the local workforce development boards
- 21        to maximize and continue to improve the quality of



1 services and develop a comprehensive and high-quality  
2 workforce development system;

3 [~~3~~] (4) The development and continuous improvement of the  
4 workforce development system in the State;

5 [~~4~~] (5) The development and updating of comprehensive  
6 state performance accountability measures, including  
7 state adjusted levels of performance, to assess the  
8 effectiveness of the core programs in the State as  
9 required under P.L. 113-128 (29 U.S.C. section  
10 3141(b));

11 [~~5~~] (6) The identification and dissemination of  
12 information on best practices for the effective  
13 operation of one-stop centers, and the development of  
14 effective local boards and effective training  
15 programs;

16 [~~6~~] (7) The development and review of statewide policies  
17 affecting the coordinated provision of services  
18 through the State's one-stop delivery system;

19 [~~7~~] (8) The development of strategies for technological  
20 improvements to facilitate access to, and improve the



1           quality of, services and activities provided through  
2           the one-stop delivery system;

3       ~~[(8)]~~ (9)   The development of strategies for aligning  
4           technology and data systems across one-stop partner  
5           programs to enhance service delivery and improve  
6           efficiencies in reporting on performance  
7           accountability measures, including the design and  
8           implementation of common intake, data collection, case  
9           management information, and performance accountability  
10          measurement and reporting processes, and the  
11          incorporation of local input into the design and  
12          implementation, to improve coordination of services  
13          across one-stop partner programs;

14       ~~[(9)]~~ (10)   The development of allocation formulas for the  
15          distribution of funds for employment and training  
16          activities for adults, and youth workforce investment  
17          activities, to local areas as permitted under P.L.  
18          113-128 (29 U.S.C. sections 3163(b) (3), 3173(b) (3));

19       ~~[(10)]~~ (11)   The preparation of annual reports as described  
20          in P.L. 113-128 (29 U.S.C. section 3141(d));



- 1        [~~(11)~~] (12) The development of the statewide workforce and  
2                    labor market information system described in the  
3                    Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. section 491-2(e));
- 4        [~~(12)~~] (13) The development of other policies as may promote  
5                    statewide objectives for, and enhance the performance  
6                    of, the workforce development system;
- 7        [~~(13)~~] (14) Creating public awareness and understanding of  
8                    the State's workforce development plans, policies,  
9                    programs, and activities, and promoting the plans,  
10                   policies, programs, and activities as economic  
11                   investments;
- 12        [~~(14)~~] (15) Submitting annual reports of the [~~council's~~]  
13                   board's activities and recommendations to the governor  
14                   and the legislature, and posting the annual reports  
15                   electronically on the [~~council's~~] board's website no  
16                   later than twenty days before the convening of each  
17                   regular session. Annual reports shall include:
- 18                   (A) The status of the comprehensive state plan for  
19                   workforce development; and
- 20                   (B) Information regarding the workforce development  
21                   programs offered throughout the State, the number



1 of individuals placed in high-demand or high-  
2 growth employment through workforce development  
3 programs by departments, the type or category of  
4 employment garnered, and allocations of state,  
5 federal, and other funding to achieve placements  
6 into higher-skilled jobs;

7 [~~(15)~~] (16) Evaluating the state workforce development plan  
8 in terms of how its purposes, goals, and objectives  
9 have been carried out throughout the State;

10 [~~(16)~~] (17) Providing technical assistance to local  
11 workforce development boards and other similar  
12 organizations;

13 [~~(17)~~] (18) Carrying out required functions and duties  
14 related to workforce development of any advisory body  
15 required or made optional by federal legislation;

16 [~~(18)~~] (19) The review and certification of local workforce  
17 development boards and plans prepared by local  
18 workforce development boards for the use of federal  
19 workforce development funds as provided in P.L. 113-  
20 128 (29 U.S.C. section 3122(b)-(c)); and



1       ~~[(19)]~~ (20)    Commenting on the measures taken pursuant to  
2                    section 122(c) (17) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and  
3                    Technical Education Act of 2006, P.L. 109-270."

4       SECTION 6.   Section 202-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6       "**§202-3 Powers of ~~[council]~~ board.**   (a)   The Hawaii  
7 workforce development ~~[council]~~ board shall appoint and fix the  
8 compensation of an executive director, who shall be exempt from  
9 ~~[chapter]~~ chapters 76~~[, and may employ any other personnel as it~~  
10 ~~deems advisable within chapter 76.]~~ and 89.

11       ~~[(b)]~~ ~~The council, or on the authorization of the council,~~  
12 ~~any subcommittee or panel thereof, may, for the purpose of~~  
13 ~~carrying out its functions and duties, hold such hearings and~~  
14 ~~sit and act at such times and places as the council may deem~~  
15 ~~advisable.~~

16       ~~(c)~~ ~~The council may negotiate and enter into contracts~~  
17 ~~with public agencies or private organizations to carry out its~~  
18 ~~studies and to prepare reports that the council determines to be~~  
19 ~~necessary to the fulfillment of its duties.~~

20       ~~(d)]~~ (b)   The ~~[council]~~ board may secure through the  
21 governor's office~~[,]~~ any information from any executive



1 department, agency, or independent instrumentality of the State  
2 it deems necessary to carry out its functions.

3 ~~[(e)]~~ (c) The ~~[council]~~ board may convene ~~[such]~~ public  
4 conferences and forums as it deems useful to keep the public  
5 informed of workforce development needs, developments, and  
6 initiatives.

7 ~~[(f)]~~ ~~The council may administer funds allocated for its~~  
8 ~~work and may accept, disburse, and allocate funds which may~~  
9 ~~become available from other governmental and private sources;~~  
10 ~~provided that all the funds shall be disbursed or allocated in~~  
11 ~~compliance with the objectives set forth herein, and applicable~~  
12 ~~laws.]"~~

13 SECTION 7. Section 304A-303, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

15 "(a) There is established a career and technical education  
16 coordinating advisory council, which shall serve in an advisory  
17 capacity to the board of regents. The council shall consist of  
18 eleven members, nine appointed and two ex officio~~[+]~~,~~[+]~~ voting  
19 members. Of the nine appointed members:

20 (1) Three shall be appointed from the board of regents by  
21 the chairperson of that body;



1 (2) Three shall be appointed from the board of education  
2 by the chairperson of that body; and

3 (3) Three shall be appointed from the Hawaii workforce  
4 development [~~council~~] board by that [~~council~~] board.

5 Of the three members appointed from the Hawaii workforce  
6 development [~~council~~] board, one member shall represent  
7 management, one member shall represent labor, and the third  
8 shall represent the public. Of the two ex officio members, one  
9 shall be the president of the university and the other shall be  
10 the superintendent of education."

11 SECTION 8. Section 371-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "~~[§]371-21[§]~~ **K-12 agriculture workforce development**  
14 **pipeline initiative.** (a) There shall be created in the  
15 department a k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline  
16 initiative to conduct training sessions for teachers and school  
17 administrators on the islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Molokai,  
18 Lanai, and Kauai, regarding agricultural self-sufficiency.

19 (b) The k-12 agriculture workforce development pipeline  
20 initiative shall be headed by a coordinator who shall be  
21 appointed by the director, subject to chapter 76, to carry out



1 the purposes of this section, which may include developing and  
2 proposing scholarships, travel offsets, course credits, and  
3 stipends. The coordinator may hire, subject to chapter 76,  
4 necessary staff, including a workforce development specialist,  
5 to carry out the purposes of this section.

6 (c) Course material for the training sessions under  
7 subsection (a) shall be approved by the Hawaii agriculture  
8 workforce advisory board established pursuant to section 371-19.

9 ~~[(d) The department shall submit annual reports to the  
10 legislature on the activities of the k-12 agriculture workforce  
11 development pipeline initiative.]~~"

12 SECTION 9. Sections 201-16, 202-10, 304A-1143, 304A-3252,  
13 373C-23, and 394-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are amended by  
14 substituting the words "Hawaii workforce development board"  
15 wherever the words "workforce development council" appear, as  
16 the context requires.

17 SECTION 10. Section 202-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by substituting the word "board" wherever the word  
19 "council" appears and substituting the words "Hawaii workforce  
20 development board" wherever the words "workforce development  
21 council" appear, as the context requires.



1 SECTION 11. Section 348-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 2 amended by substituting the words "Hawaii workforce development  
 3 board" wherever the words "state workforce development council"  
 4 appear, as the context requires.

5 SECTION 12. Section 202-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 6 repealed.

7 [~~"S202-5 Organizational relationships. The workforce  
 8 development council is placed within the department of labor and  
 9 industrial relations for administrative purposes and shall act  
 10 in an advisory capacity to the governor."~~]

11 SECTION 13. All rules, policies, procedures, guidelines,  
 12 and other material adopted or developed by the workforce  
 13 development council to implement provisions of the Hawaii  
 14 Revised Statutes that are reenacted or made applicable to the  
 15 department of labor and industrial relations by this Act shall  
 16 remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by the  
 17 department of labor and industrial relations pursuant to chapter  
 18 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as appropriate. In the interim,  
 19 every reference to the workforce development council in those  
 20 rules, policies, procedures, guidelines, and other material is



1 amended to refer to the department of labor and industrial  
2 relations, as appropriate.

3 SECTION 14. All deeds, leases, contracts, loans,  
4 agreements, permits, or other documents executed or entered into  
5 by or on behalf of the workforce development council, pursuant  
6 to the provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, that are  
7 reenacted or made applicable to the department of labor and  
8 industrial relations by this Act shall remain in full force and  
9 effect. Upon the effective date of this Act, every reference to  
10 the workforce development council or the executive director of  
11 the workforce development council in those deeds, leases,  
12 contracts, loans, agreements, permits, or other documents shall  
13 be construed as a reference to the department of labor and  
14 industrial relations, as appropriate.

15 SECTION 15. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DLIR; Hawaii Workforce Development Council; Hawaii Workforce Development Board; Conflict of Interest; Chairperson of Board; K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative

**Description:**

Amends chapter 202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be consistent with Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021. Renames "Hawaii Workforce Development Council" to "Hawaii Workforce Development Board". Requires the Hawaii Workforce Development Board and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with federal law and regulations. Requires the Governor to select the chairperson of the Board from among the seventeen private sector members. Requires the Hawaii Workforce Development Board to assist the Governor in coordinating local workforce development boards to improve the workforce development system. Repeals the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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