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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 YouthBuild is a  
2 federal workforce development program that provides employment,  
3 education, leadership development, and training opportunities to  
4 disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of sixteen  
5 and twenty-four, most of whom are secondary school drop outs and  
6 are either a member of a low-income family, a foster care youth,  
7 a youth offender, a youth with a disability, a child of an  
8 incarcerated parent, or a migrant youth.

9           The United States Department of Labor administers the  
10 YouthBuild program by awarding approximately \$90,000,000 in  
11 grants to one hundred seventy-five current YouthBuild programs  
12 in forty United States jurisdictions. Program participants  
13 receive education services that may lead to either a high school  
14 diploma or general educational development. They also receive  
15 occupational skills training and are encouraged to pursue a  
16 post-secondary education or additional training, including  
17 registered apprenticeship programs. The program is designed to



1 create a skilled workforce either in the construction industry,  
2 through the rehabilitation and construction of housing for  
3 homeless individuals and families and low-income families, as  
4 well as public facilities, or in other high wage, high-demand  
5 jobs. The program also benefits the larger community by  
6 providing more new and rehabilitated affordable housing.

7 The purpose of this Act is to further improve workforce  
8 development in Hawaii by establishing a state YouthBuild program  
9 under the department of labor and industrial relations to assist  
10 interested nonprofit or public entities in applying and  
11 qualifying for a grant under the federal YouthBuild program.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§371- YouthBuild program; established. (a) There is  
16 established the YouthBuild program, hereinafter referred to as  
17 the program, which shall be placed within the department for  
18 administrative purposes. The department shall assist nonprofit  
19 or public entities in applying and qualifying for YouthBuild  
20 program grants from the United States Department of Labor.



1       (b) The department shall establish program requirements  
2 and procedures to assist nonprofit or public entities in  
3 applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild program grants.

4       (c) Subject to the availability of funds and requirements  
5 established by the department, the department may award grants  
6 to eligible nonprofit or public entities that have been awarded  
7 a federal YouthBuild program grant; provided that any department  
8 grant awarded under this section:

9       (1) Shall be used toward meeting the federal twenty-five  
10 per cent matching funds requirement of the United  
11 States Department of Labor YouthBuild program; and

12       (2) May be matched in cash or in-kind contributions by the  
13 eligible nonprofit or public entity that is awarded a  
14 grant from the department under this section.

15       (d) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
16 to carry out this section."

17       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
21 year 2024-2025 for administrative costs incurred by the



1 department of labor and industrial relations in administering  
2 the state YouthBuild program under this Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. 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 2023-2024 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2024-2025 for the department of labor and industrial  
10 relations to award grants to eligible nonprofit or public  
11 entities that have been awarded a federal YouthBuild program  
12 grant; provided that any funds awarded pursuant to this section  
13 shall be used to meet the twenty-five per cent matching funds  
14 requirement of the United States Department of Labor YouthBuild  
15 program.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
17 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

DLIR; YouthBuild; Workforce Development; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the state YouthBuild program to assist nonprofit and public entities in applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild program grants. Authorizes the department of labor and industrial relations to award grants to eligible nonprofit or public entities to meet the matching funds requirement for federal YouthBuild grant awards. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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