

ACT 202

H.B. NO. 2691

A Bill for an Act Relating to Labor Education at the University of Hawaii.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose. ARTICLE XII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii grants every worker in private and public employment, the right to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining. In accord therewith, a large portion of the labor force of this State belongs to and is represented by a variety of trade unions whose governance, administration, operations, and activities are to a large extent, regulated by a variety of state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and policies. The collective bargaining process, whether successful or unsuccessful, vitally affects the entire citizenry of our State. The contributions of organized labor to the improvement of the social, political, and economic well-being of our citizenry have been substantial.

The expressed need and desire for specialized education and training by workers and leaders of trade unions to improve their professional competence in order to effectively administer their affairs, to improve their ability to intervene wisely in shaping their environment on the job, in their unions, and in the community while commendable, has neither been adequately nor effectively addressed by educational institutions of the State. Moreover, the substantial contributions by organized labor to the improvement of the social, political, and

economic well-being of our citizenry is largely unknown by the public at large. It is urgent that the need for specialized labor education be provided by the University of Hawaii. This legislation is designed to enable the University to so provide.

SECTION 2. Part II of chapter 304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new subpart B to read as follows:

“B. CENTER FOR LABOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH.

Sec. 304-34 Center for labor education and research. The center for labor-management education at the University of Hawaii, Manoa campus, is re-designated and established as the center for labor education and research. The center shall (1) provide labor education instruction, labor-related research and educational services for workers and their organizations; (2) provide labor-related education to the public; (3) advise and assist in the development and implementation of labor related instructional programs, courses, and activities for use within the department of education, including teacher preparation therefor; (4) advise and assist in the development and implementation of labor studies degree programs in the University of Hawaii system; and (5) be the clearinghouse for labor education matters in the State.

The center shall be located in and be a part of the college of continuing education and community services of the University of Hawaii, Manoa campus. The affairs and operations of the center shall be administered by a director appointed by and responsible to the dean of such college. The center shall utilize the smallest practicable permanent staff for its direction and operation and it shall draw on existing personnel within the state government insofar as possible for necessary supplementation. Where bonafide demands for programs and services exceed the capabilities of the permanent staff as supplemented, additional personnel resources may be acquired on a contract basis without regard to chapters 76 and 77. Permanent staff shall be covered by chapters 76 and 77, or section 304-13, as may be appropriate.

The center shall receive the full cooperation of all state agencies in the use of staff members, facilities, and other resources necessary to accomplish the purposes of this part.

Sec. 304-35 Functions and programs. In consultation with the labor education advisory council, the center shall (1) develop a systematic long-range labor education program for implementation during fiscal year 1976-77; (2) coordinate, arrange for, or conduct evaluation of existing center programs of instruction for refinement, develop new courses of instruction, and plan their implementation on a continuing basis; (3) coordinate, arrange for, or conduct instructional programs including classes, courses, workshops, seminars, and research studies or projects; (4) coordinate, arrange for, or provide technical assistance to trade unions to improve or implement labor education programs within their organizations; (5) prepare and disseminate educational information and publications on various subjects of concern and interest to workers and their organizations; (6) develop or acquire and promote the dissemination of labor related information and programs through the various public media (radio, TV, newspapers, public and private organizations, clubs, etc.); and (7) coordinate,

arrange for, or conduct teacher preparation classes to enable relevant and reliable department of education instruction in labor-related educational courses, programs and activities.

Sec. 304-36 Labor education advisory council. There is established a labor education advisory council, consisting of not more than fifteen members, broadly representative of the trade union movement in the State, who shall be appointed by the president of the university. The council shall be advisory to the dean of the college of continuing education and community service on all activities and programs of the center and shall assist the dean in the assessment and evaluation of program needs for implementation. Members of the council shall designate its chairman and shall serve without compensation; provided, however, that such actual traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties shall be advanced or reimbursed.

Sec. 304-37 Revolving fund. There shall be established a revolving fund to be known as the center for labor education and research revolving fund, for use by the director of the center with the approval of the dean of the college of continuing education and community services in carrying out the purposes of the center. All fees, charges, and other moneys collected in conjunction with the operations of the center shall be deposited in the revolving fund. Such amounts shall be expended from the fund by the director of the center as may be necessary to defray the cost of operating the center, excluding compensation of the permanent staff, but including contractual obligation, rentals, and such other program costs as approved by the dean.”

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum \$1, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this Act, including but not limited to seven permanent positions to constitute the center’s core staff.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 7, 1976.)