

A Bill for an Act Relating to Occupational and Career Information.

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

SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read:

“CHAPTER OCCUPATIONAL AND CAREER INFORMATION

PART I. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

§ -1 **Findings.** The legislature finds that there is a need to coordinate the efforts of a variety of employment-related agencies, programs, and activities, for the purpose of strengthening employment, training, and educational planning and delivery of services. Promoting this coordination can be achieved best through the development of an occupational and career information planning base. An Hawaii occupational information system could meet the common needs of vocational education programs and employment and training programs if it contained data on occupational demand and supply based on uniform definitions, standardized estimating procedures, and common classification codes. Such occupational information must be geared to the career decision-making process of youth, as well as to the administrative needs of educational and training planning. The delivery of career information is needed to improve the match of youth career desires with available and anticipated labor demand.

§ -2 **Purpose.** It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the development and delivery of occupational and career information on a statewide basis. Such information is to be used for the purpose of employment, training, educational, and career planning with a special view toward improving the relationship of current and projected supply and demand in the Hawaii work force. It is also the purpose of this chapter to provide for the means to develop and deliver occupational and career information through an overall Hawaii occupational information system composed of a career information delivery system and an occupational employment planning system. Additionally, coordination is to be provided for in the development, dissemination, and application of occupational and career information for the purposes of occupational, educational, employment, and training planning and for the delivery and use of career information in educational and occupational decision making by youth, trainees, and job seekers. Although other agencies may operate programs to implement these purposes and authorities, a coordinating committee will facilitate the integration of occupational information into program planning.

PART II. HAWAII STATE OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

§ -11 **Occupational information coordinating committee, establishment.** The Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee is established and shall be composed of representation from at least the state board for vocational education, the department of labor and industrial relations, the state employment and training council, the state vocational rehabilitation agency, the department of education, and the University of Hawaii. Membership shall not be restricted to these agencies, but shall not exceed twenty-five members with one member per agency. Members shall be appointed by the administrators or directors

of these agencies. The committee shall be placed in the department of labor and industrial relations for administrative purposes only.

§ -12 **Powers and duties.** The Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee shall coordinate the development, dissemination, and application of occupational and career information for the purposes of occupational, educational, and employment training planning and for the delivery and use of career information in educational and occupational decision making by youth, trainees, and job seekers. Any state agency represented on the coordinating committee may operate programs to implement these purposes. The Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee shall facilitate the integration of occupational information into program planning.

§ -13 **Limitations.** This chapter is to comply with the purposes and intent of P.L. 94-482 and P.L. 97-300 which mandate the establishment of state occupational information coordinating committees and state occupational information systems. Nothing in this chapter shall restrict the powers granted in this chapter to only those purposes stated in such public laws.

§ -14 **Advisory committees.** The Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee shall consult with potential users and donors of occupational and career information to strengthen the collection of data and the development of a uniform occupational information system. To this end, an advisory committee structure shall be used consisting of representation from educational institutions, social services and training agencies, educational advisory commissions and committees, health and planning agencies, private sector councils and associations, unions, and other relevant parties. Use of advisory subcommittees for technical input to committee considerations is encouraged.

§ -15 **Personnel.** The department of labor and industrial relations may establish positions and hire necessary personnel for the purposes of this part without regard to chapters 76 and 77.

PART III. HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

§ -21 **Purpose.** An occupational information data base can provide information for employment, training, and educational program planning, as well as provide input for career planning and job search purposes. The system shall use data collection procedures established by various programs for input and apply standardized estimating procedures for developing current and projected labor market supply and demand data. The system shall deliver the necessary occupationally related information to a widely divergent user population, including planners, students, trainees, and job searchers, in appropriate formats whether manual or computer-based. The overall occupational information system shall be designed to meet the needs of youth and adult career planners and job seekers as well as the needs of educational, training, and employment program planners for planning data on projected occupational supply and demand.

§ -22 **Occupational information system.** The Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee shall facilitate the development, implementation, and application of the Hawaii occupational information system. Other agencies may operate programs related to implementing and applying the occupational information system but the Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee shall coordinate the system.

§ -23 **Responsibilities.** In consultation with the Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee and other potential users, the department of labor and industrial relations shall be responsible for the preparation of occupational employment demand information concerning projected needs for occupational skills in Hawaii's labor market. The department of education and University of Hawaii systems shall be responsible for the production of uniform public and private educational supply data concerning students in courses related to each occupational category in consultation with the committee and other potential users.

The state employment and training council in consultation with the committee and other potential users shall be responsible for the production of federal training supply data concerning trainees enrolled and completing training programs in each occupational category. The department of social services and housing shall be responsible for preparing information concerning training activities and other rehabilitative data required by the occupational information system in consultation with the committee and other potential users.

All of the identified entities in this section shall jointly develop and produce, to the extent feasible, other data required of the occupational information system.

PART IV. HAWAII CAREER INFORMATION DELIVERY SYSTEM

§ -31 **System's powers and duties.** The Hawaii career information delivery system shall be a part of the Hawaii occupational information system. It shall develop and deliver occupational and educational information used for career choice and job search purposes. The information used in the Hawaii career information delivery system shall be obtained primarily from the Hawaii occupational information system and shall be available to all regions and people of the State. Career information shall be delivered to meet user needs through schools, training sites, employment service offices, and social service offices but shall not be restricted to these user sites.

§ -32 **Organization.** The delivery of career information on a statewide basis shall be through the Hawaii career information delivery system program, operated by the department of labor and industrial relations and managed by the Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee, to provide for the maximum input of user needs and concerns practicable.

§ -33 **Personnel.** The department of labor and industrial relations may establish positions and hire necessary personnel for the purposes of this part without regard to chapters 76 and 77.

**PART V. HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL
EMPLOYMENT PLANNING SYSTEM**

§ -41 **Powers and duties.** The Hawaii occupational employment planning system shall be part of the Hawaii occupational information system. It shall develop and deliver occupational employment demand and supply information used for planning purposes by employment, training, vocational education, vocational rehabilitation, economic development, and other agencies as well as private industry and individuals. The system shall be based on standardized and nonduplicative techniques and processes to the maximum extent practicable.

§ -42 **Organization.** The development of occupational employment planning information shall be coordinated by the Hawaii state occupational information coordinating committee and shall be carried out through the responsibilities defined in section -23.

§ -43 **Occupational employment statistics program.** The department of labor and industrial relations shall conduct an occupational employment statistics program to develop occupational demand projections in fulfilling the responsibilities of section -23.

§ -44 **Labor market information development program.** The department of labor and industrial relations shall conduct a labor market information development program to develop employment and unemployment demographics and to conduct labor market area industrial economic analysis in fulfilling the responsibilities of section -23.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1983.

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