

## ACT 260

H.B. NO. 1898-86

A Bill for an Act Relating to Employment Opportunities.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is at a crossroads in its history. Sugar and pineapple are declining both in revenues and in number of persons employed. Tourism with federal spending, particularly through the military, have become the main supports of Hawaii's economy. The present direction of federal spending, except for the military, appears to be directed in a continued pattern of reduction of services and monetary grants. Tourism, while a strong industry, is a highly seasonal and economically sensitive industry and tends to create a secondary job market which employs people on a part-time basis.

Thinking toward the future the legislature has realized that Hawaii must enter the high technology age and has established the high technology development corporation and provided for continuing energy projects such as the emerging geothermal industry. The legislature has established objectives and policies for the economic development of the State in sections 226-6 to 226-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, particularly setting forth potential growth activities in section 226-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The legislature has set in place many functional plans for the future of the State. This session the legislature received from the advisory commission on employment and human resources the comprehensive statewide employment plan required by section 202-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Over the past five years the legislature has created the office of community services and the statewide transition to work system. In response to federal requirements the legislature has enacted laws on occupational and career information, job training, and dislocated workers among others.

The legislature finds that many of the pieces are in place for Hawaii to go forward with a broadened economy. But, there is a need for a development plan which ties together and coordinates all the component parts of these pieces. There is a great need to: (1) relate human resource development programs to economic development policies; (2) bring greater coordination and unified direction to human resource programming; (3) develop a more focused program of resource generation; and (4) support the development of innovative forms of human-resource-development programming in the State.

It is the purpose of this Act to provide for a study relating to the formulation of human resources development policy that addresses the above-mentioned needs, complements the employment functional plan, and provides the human resources necessary for the economic development of the State.

SECTION 2. The advisory commission on employment and human resources is directed to conduct the study. The commission shall submit a progress report to the legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the 1987 regular session and a final report shall be submitted to the legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the 1988 regular session.

**SECTION 3.** There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1986-1987, to the advisory commission on employment and human resources for temporary staff or for contracting with private agencies or individuals.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1986.

(Approved May 29, 1986.)