

## ACT 335

H.B. NO. 3098

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Tourism Training.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that increased visitor industry activity on Oahu, especially with the ongoing development of the Ko Olina resort near Waianae, will dramatically increase the need for workers in an industry that is already experiencing an urgent labor shortage. The legislature finds also that Hawaii's labor-short environment makes it imperative that all employable persons be immediately sought out and trained to help meet the needs of an industry that directly and indirectly accounts for one out of every three jobs in the State. The future success of Hawaii's visitor industry will depend largely on the productivity of the youth of the State.

The legislature finds that there are higher proportions of at-risk and disoriented teenagers in Kalihi and Waipahu than in other areas, and that these teenagers are in need of career guidance and transition services to help them develop meaningful personal goals and become productive members of the State's work force. The legislature finds also that adult visitor industry educational and training programs, such as those funded by the legislature in 1988 and 1989, can realize substantial benefits from activities that involve teenagers in high school visitor industry education and training courses. For example, recent efforts have been made by teachers at Waipahu high school to develop visitor industry practicums to introduce high school students, through interdisciplinary course work and on-the-job training, to employers who have teamed up with the school in this exciting venture.

The legislature finds that Wallace Rider Farrington high school is also interested in developing similar practicums. The school's transition center and strong Japanese language program are viewed as being major components of the proposed visitor industry practicums. These practicums will involve the integration of academic skills and vocational education skills, examples of which include the integration of: the English language and business education skills; science and horticulture; and Hawaiiana and the Japanese language. The legislature fully expects that these practicums will enable high school graduates to enter the visitor industry work force or continue on to higher levels of education and training.

The legislature declares that there is no greater public purpose for which moneys can be expended than to help the youth of Hawaii to become productive members of society by giving them the chance to acquire the skills, knowledge, and abilities that will enable them to find well paying and personally satisfying jobs.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot program to develop visitor industry practicum courses to meet the critical labor and economic needs of the State.

**SECTION 2.** In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1990 to 1991 to be exceeded by \$33,000, or 0.0013 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

**SECTION 3.** There is established a two-year pilot program within the department of labor and industrial relations for administrative purposes, to develop visitor industry practicum courses at Wallace Rider Farrington high school and Waipahu high school. The tourism training council of the department of labor and industrial relations shall submit interim reports to the legislature on the status of the pilot program at least twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 1991 and 1992. The council shall submit a final report to the legislature on the findings and recommendations of the pilot program at least twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 1993. The report shall include, but not be limited to, recommended changes to the pilot program and the advisability of continuing the pilot program.

**SECTION 4.** There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$33,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1990-1991, for the department of labor and industrial relations to establish a two-year pilot program at Wallace Rider Farrington high school and Waipahu high school to develop visitor industry practicum courses.

**SECTION 5.** The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act; provided that for the purposes of this Act, the tourism training council of the department of labor and industrial relations shall be responsible for planning and administering the pilot program in conjunction with other state agencies.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1990.

(Approved July 9, 1990.)