



GOV. MSG. NO. 1172

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 17, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 17, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2605 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO LABOR  
**ACT 071 (16)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor.

ORIGINAL

ACT 071

on JUN 17 2016

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO.

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LABOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the closure of  
2 Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, the State's last sugar  
3 plantation, and Makena Beach and Golf Resort will lead to a loss  
4 of over one thousand jobs on Maui. Although some employees of  
5 Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company will be covered for job  
6 training assistance under the recent federal Trade Adjustment  
7 Act certification, other dislocated workers will not qualify.  
8 As these employees lose their jobs and income, restaurants and  
9 stores may see a decrease in customers and sales, families may  
10 not be able to pay their mortgages and rent, and students may no  
11 longer be able to afford school or college tuitions.

12 The legislature further finds that in 2014, the United  
13 States Department of Labor awarded the State a Job-Driven  
14 National Emergency Grant to implement or expand job-driven  
15 training programs for dislocated workers including but not  
16 limited to opportunities for on-the-job training and  
17 apprenticeships. However, these funds are limited and are due  
18 to expire on June 30, 2016, thereby making the funds unavailable



1 for a large group of dislocated workers in the county of Maui,  
2 who have diverse training needs.

3 The purpose of this Act is to address the pending  
4 unemployment and dislocation of workers in the county of Maui  
5 for whom there are insufficient federal funds, by appropriating  
6 funds to establish, administer, and support job training and  
7 other activities that assist these workers' transition into  
8 other employment.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$850,000 or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to  
12 establish, administer, and support job training and preparation  
13 activities, including but not limited to basic computer  
14 literacy, job search assistance, skill assessments, vocational  
15 counseling, remedial math and English, English as a second  
16 language, vocational training, work experience, on-the-job  
17 training, and support services, such as assistance with work  
18 tools, safety shoes, and job certification fees for individuals  
19 who are dislocated from employment in the county of Maui.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.  
3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016:

APPROVED this 17 day of JUN , 2016



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

