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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the modern economy  
2 requires colleges to react quickly to meet the technical  
3 workforce needs of the public and private sectors, both to fill  
4 emerging job opportunities and upgrade the skills of existing  
5 workers to meet changing requirements of their positions. Some  
6 examples of these positions include entry level informational  
7 technology positions, security service positions, health and  
8 home care positions, and, particularly since the closure of the  
9 last sugar plantation, agricultural workers. To be responsive  
10 to these workforce needs, the training must be developed and  
11 delivered rapidly, and often in a format other than a formal  
12 degree program.

13           The purpose of this Act is to make explicit the  
14 responsibility of the University of Hawaii community colleges to  
15 provide short-term and rapid response occupational and  
16 certification programs designed to qualify individuals to fill



1 new and hard-to-fill positions that require technical training  
2 in the State and counties.

3 SECTION 2. Section 304A-1101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) The purposes of community colleges shall be to  
6 provide:

- 7 (1) Two-year college transfer and general education  
8 programs;
- 9 (2) Two- and four-year career and technical education  
10 programs;
- 11 (3) Semiprofessional, career and technical, and continuing  
12 education programs [+], including occupational training  
13 and certification programs designed to rapidly qualify  
14 persons to fill new and hard-to-fill classes of  
15 positions of the State, counties, and private sector  
16 that require technical skills; and
- 17 (4) [~~Such~~] Any other educational programs and services as  
18 may be appropriate to [~~such~~] those institutions."

19 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for



1 occupational training and certification programs designed to  
2 rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill classes of  
3 non-professional positions of the State, counties, and private  
4 sector that require technical skills.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
6 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Rapid Occupational Training and Certification Program;  
University Of Hawaii Community College System

**Description:**

Adds as a purpose of the University of Hawaii community college system the provision of occupational training and certification programs designed to rapidly qualify persons to fill new and hard-to-fill position classes of the State, counties, and private sector that require technical skills. Appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds for the programs. (SB2543 HD1)

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