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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the island of  
2 Molokai has struggled for years with limited opportunities for  
3 gainful and consistent employment, recently highlighted by some  
4 employer companies' relocation off of the island. The loss of  
5 jobs, together with the challenges caused by the past year's  
6 reduction in options for inter-island transportation, have only  
7 intensified the concern about Molokai's economy and the economic  
8 stability and well-being of its residents. Molokai residents  
9 are often relied upon in the community to provide care for  
10 children or aging parents, and, therefore, do not have the  
11 option of moving or working elsewhere. The legislature  
12 recognizes that as a result of the job losses and their trickle-  
13 down effects, families on Molokai may lose their homes, cars,  
14 and ability to pay for their children's college tuition.

15           The legislature further finds that a number of state and  
16 county offices and agencies have been working together to  
17 determine how to optimally assist Molokai's soon-to-be displaced



1 workers and address the detrimental economic impact to the  
 2 community. These offices and agencies include the office of the  
 3 governor; department of labor and industrial relations;  
 4 department of business, economic development, and tourism;  
 5 department of human resources development; and department of  
 6 agriculture. Due to the significance of this undertaking,  
 7 members of the Maui county council and members of the  
 8 legislature have also been providing input and assistance.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to support the  
 10 continued availability of gainful employment on Molokai.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for  
 14 the office of the governor; department of labor and industrial  
 15 relations; department of business, economic development, and  
 16 tourism; department of human resources development; and  
 17 department of agriculture to collaboratively develop and  
 18 implement solutions, as agreed upon by the collaborating  
 19 agencies, to assist dislocated workers and address the overall  
 20 continued availability of gainful employment on the island of  
 21 Molokai.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended as follows for the  
2 purposes of this Act:

- 3           (1)   \$                    by the office of the governor;
- 4           (2)   \$                    by the department of labor and industrial
- 5                    relations;
- 6           (3)   \$                    by the department of business, economic
- 7                    development, and tourism;
- 8           (4)   \$                    by the department of human resources
- 9                    development; and
- 10          (5)   \$                    by the department of agriculture.

11           SECTION 3. The office of the governor shall submit a  
12 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
13 convening of the regular session of 2019 detailing the efforts  
14 made and expenditures of all offices and departments  
15 appropriated funds under section 2 of this Act to assist  
16 dislocated workers and address the overall continued  
17 availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

18           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

Displaced Workers; Island of Molokai; Governor; DLIR; DBEDT;  
DHRD; DOA; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Office of the Governor; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Human Resources Development; and Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai. Requires the Office of the Governor to submit a report detailing the efforts made and expenditures of all offices and departments appropriated funds to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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