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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; the department of labor and industrial relations; the  
4 department of business, economic development, and tourism; the  
5 department of human resources development; and the 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  
11 Molokai.

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



1 continued availability of gainful employment on the island of  
2 Molokai.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended as follows for the  
4 purposes of this Act:

5 (1) \$ by the office of the governor;

6 (2) \$ by the department of labor and industrial  
7 relations;

8 (3) \$ by the department of business, economic  
9 development, and tourism;

10 (4) \$ by the department of human resources  
11 development; and

12 (5) \$ by the department of agriculture.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

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

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the 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.  
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