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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that YouthBuild is a  
2 federal workforce development program that provides employment,  
3 education, leadership development, and training opportunities to  
4 disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of sixteen  
5 and twenty-four, most of whom are secondary school drop outs and  
6 are either a member of a low-income family, a foster care youth,  
7 a youth offender, a youth with a disability, a child of an  
8 incarcerated parent, or a migrant youth.

9           The United States Department of Labor administers the  
10 YouthBuild program by awarding approximately \$85,000,000 in  
11 grants to one hundred eighty-seven current youthBuild programs  
12 in forty-seven United States jurisdictions. Program  
13 participants receive education services that may lead to either  
14 a high school diploma or general educational development. They  
15 also receive occupational skills training and are encouraged to  
16 pursue a post-secondary education or additional training,  
17 including registered apprenticeship programs. The program is



1 designed to create a skilled workforce either in the  
2 construction industry, through the rehabilitation and  
3 construction of housing for homeless individuals and families  
4 and low-income families, as well as public facilities, or in  
5 other high wage, high-demand jobs. The program also benefits  
6 the larger community by providing more new and rehabilitated  
7 affordable housing.

8 The purpose of this Act is to further improve workforce  
9 development in Hawaii by establishing a state youthBuild program  
10 under the department of labor and industrial relations to assist  
11 interested non-profit or public entities in applying and  
12 qualifying for a grant under the federal YouthBuild program.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§371- YouthBuild Program; established. (a) There is  
17 established the youthBuild program, hereinafter referred to as  
18 the program, which shall be placed within the department for  
19 administrative purposes. The department shall assist non-profit  
20 or public entities in applying and qualifying for YouthBuild  
21 program grants from the United States Department of Labor.



1       (b) The department shall establish program requirements  
2 and procedures to assist non-profit or public entities in  
3 applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild program grants.

4       (c) Subject to the availability of funds and requirements  
5 established by the department, the department may award grants  
6 to eligible non-profit or public entities that have been awarded  
7 a federal YouthBuild program grant; provided that any department  
8 grant awarded under this section:

9       (1) Shall be used toward meeting the federal twenty-five  
10 per cent matching funds requirement of the United  
11 States Department of Labor YouthBuild program; and

12       (2) May be matched in cash or in-kind contributions by the  
13 eligible non-profit or public entity that is awarded a  
14 grant from the department under this section.

15       (d) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
16 to carry out this section."

17       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and  
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
21 year 2020-2021 for administrative costs incurred by the



1 department of labor and industrial relations in administering  
2 the state youthBuild program under this Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2020-2021 for the department of labor and industrial  
10 relations to award grants to eligible non-profit or public  
11 entities that have been awarded a federal YouthBuild program  
12 grant; provided that any funds awarded pursuant to this section  
13 shall be used to meet the twenty-five per cent matching funds  
14 requirement of the United States Department of Labor YouthBuild  
15 program.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
17 of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

YouthBuild; Workforce Development; DLIR; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes the state youthBuild Program to assist non-profit and public entities in applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild Program grants. Authorizes the department of labor and industrial relations to award grants eligible non-profit or public entities to meet the matching funds requirement for federal YouthBuild grant awards. Appropriates funds. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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