A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

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

The United States Department of Labor administers the youthBuild program by awarding approximately $89,000,000 in grants to about two-hundred youthBuild programs in forty states. Program participants receive education services that may lead to either a high school diploma or general educational development. They also receive occupational skills training and are encouraged to pursue a post-secondary education or additional training, including registered apprenticeship programs. The program is designed to create a skilled workforce either in the
construction industry, through the rehabilitation and
construction of housing for homeless individuals and families
and low-income families, as well as public facilities, or in
other high wage, high-demand jobs. The program also benefits
the larger community by providing more new and rehabilitated
affordable housing.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a state youthBuild
program to further improve workforce development in Hawaii.

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

"$371- YouthBuild; established. (a) There is
established the youthBuild program, hereinafter referred to as
the program, which shall be placed within the department for
administrative purposes. The program shall provide employment,
education, leadership development, and training opportunities to
disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of sixteen
and twenty-four. The department shall establish program
requirements that are similar to the youthBuild program
administered by the United States Department of Labor."
(b) Subject to available funds and requirements established by the department, the department may:

(1) Award grants to eligible entities; or

(2) Award grants to the counties for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible entities.

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

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for a grant-in-aid to assist the counties in establishing youthBuild programs, to be distributed as follows:

(1) $ to the county of Hawaii;

(2) $ to the city and county of Honolulu;

(3) $ to the county of Kauai; and

(4) $ to the county of Maui,

provided that no funds for each county shall be made available under this Act unless matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by that respective county for the purpose for which the sums are appropriated; provided further that existing youthBuild programs
in Hawaii shall not be prohibited from requesting and being
awarded funds appropriated by this Act.
The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
of labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this Act.
SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.
Report Title:
YouthBuild; Workforce Development; DLIR; Appropriation

Description:
Establishes the state YouthBuild Program to provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. Authorizes the DLIR to award grants directly to eligible entities or to the counties. Appropriates funds. (HB613 HD1)

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