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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 Hawaii is the most  
2 geographically isolated archipelago in the world and has an  
3 economy that currently depends on very few and finite resources.  
4 With an economy heavily dependent on the military and tourism,  
5 developing dependable industries that will stabilize and grow  
6 the economy is vital for the State's continued development.  
7 Emerging industries and technologies, including renewable  
8 energy, computer software development, and agriculture, if  
9 properly developed with a home-grown workforce, would provide  
10 continued stability and economic growth.

11           The legislature also finds that, to create conditions that  
12 would energize the development of these new economic industries  
13 in Hawaii, a partnership consisting of educational and  
14 workforce/labor development sources would foster the private-  
15 sector confidence necessary for investors to consider developing  
16 new industries in Hawaii and ensure the hiring of residents who  
17 have been educated in these high-skill, high-wage industries.  
18 Models of coordinated, sustained, and collaborative partnerships



1 directed towards workforce development and training rely on work  
2 groups consisting of representatives of specific targeted  
3 industries, education, and the workforce community to help  
4 identify emerging workforce trends, determine skills required,  
5 and develop education and training to produce qualified workers  
6 with the necessary skills. The relationships established  
7 through these work groups will be essential to leverage  
8 workforce development efforts within these partnerships. The  
9 involvement of a number of organizations that do business in  
10 Hawaii and have common needs for workforce development,  
11 technologies, and infrastructure will increase efficiency and  
12 innovation.

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- Workforce development work groups; established.**

17 (a) The department may establish work groups of industry  
18 leaders in industries or occupations having potential for high  
19 job growth to assist the department in identifying workforce  
20 trends, determining skill sets required for jobs being created  
21 or modified, and developing training to prepare qualified  
22 workers.



1       (b) The department shall include representatives on the  
2 work groups from the education, post-secondary education,  
3 workforce, and business communities, as appropriate, for  
4 specific, targeted occupations or industries.

5       (c) The department may develop training programs to  
6 address skill shortages and provide training in the skill sets  
7 required for jobs in the occupations or industries identified by  
8 the work groups."

9       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the  
12 department of labor and industrial relations to establish work  
13 groups and design and implement training programs in accordance  
14 with this Act.

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

17       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

18       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 20, 2050.

**Report Title:**

Workforce Development; Work Groups; Appropriation

**Description:**

Authorizes DLIR to establish work groups to identify high job growth industries and workforce needs and to develop training programs. Appropriates unspecified funds. Effective January 20, 2050. (HB2217 HD1)

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