
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a group attending
2 the Hawaii workforce development council's September 2006, forum
3 identified a need for easy access to information on available
4 training without having to build extensive personal networks.

5 The group proposed an interactive, searchable web-based database
6 that:

7 (1) Enables employers and employees to find information on
8 classes and training programs that meet their training
9 needs;

10 (2) Enables employers to record their needs for training
11 in defined competencies for specific numbers of
12 employees and time periods; and

13 (3) Enables providers to list their courses in a way that
14 is cross-referenced to the competencies needed by
15 employers.

16 Through such a system, employers can help drive the
17 curriculum development process by inputting their needs and



1 using the database to identify providers to meet those training
2 needs. Simultaneously, providers will be able to plan their
3 curriculum development efforts based on valid demand data, and
4 market their current offerings.

5 The purpose of this Act is to provide the University of
6 Hawaii with funding for the research and development of a
7 statewide web-based interactive searchable database that will
8 provide comprehensive workforce training information to
9 employers, employees, and training providers.

10 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall design a
11 statewide web-based interactive searchable database in two
12 phases:

- 13 (1) Design the website to be able to accommodate
14 reasonable or future modifications and additions; and
15 (2) Build and implement the website.

16 The design phase shall incorporate input from training
17 providers, the department of education, the department of labor
18 and industrial relations, the workforce development council, the
19 Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and employers. The system shall
20 be designed to accept employer needs for varying time periods.
21 The cost of the design phase shall not exceed fifteen per cent
22 of the total amount of moneys appropriated under this Act.



1 The statewide web-based interactive searchable database
2 shall be in service not later than January 1, 2009. The
3 University of Hawaii shall submit a status report no later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the legislative sessions
5 of 2008 and 2009, indicating the database's status. The report
6 shall include information regarding whether the funding is
7 adequate and, if necessary, a request for additional funding.

8 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
11 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
12 year 2008-2009, to the University of Hawaii to design, research,
13 and develop a statewide web-based interactive searchable
14 database. The University of Hawaii shall also contract for
15 employment, education, and training from public or private
16 agencies and nonprofit organizations, as needed, to implement
17 and operate the database.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
19 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

UH; Education; Funding for Interactive Searchable Web-Based Database

Description:

Provides funding to the University of Hawaii to design, research, and develop an interactive searchable web-based database. (SD2)

