



GOV. MSG. NO. 1081

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

July 11, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

Re: Senate Bill 1931 SD2 HD3 CD2

On July 10, 2007, Senate Bill 1931, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Education" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

Senate Bill 1931 establishes a working group administered by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to analyze if workforce development needs are being met by the public schools, and to report to the 2008 Legislative session. Additionally, the University of Hawaii and the Department of Education are required to submit specific reports to the 2008 Legislature on workforce development. The bill appropriates \$200,000 in general funds to the Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The major concern with this bill is that it is redundant with existing programs in the Department of Education and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The Work Force Development Councils, established in 1998, and attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, already are tasked with identifying and implementing ways in which our educational system can meet the needs of our workforce. Additionally, this function is also a part of the wider mission of the P-20 Initiative that began in 1993.

This bill contains an appropriation totaling \$175,000 for the two-year biennium to the Department of Education to fund three new staff positions. The Department of Education has stated that the resources are insufficient for it to carry out the functions of this bill.

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For the foregoing reasons, I allowed Senate Bill 1931 to become law as Act 283,
effective July 10, 2007, without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle", written in a cursive style.

LINDA LINGLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

PART I

EDUCATIONAL WORKFORCE WORKING GROUP

SECTION 1. (a) There is established an educational workforce working group within the department of labor and industrial relations for administrative purposes only. The chairperson of the workforce development council or the chairperson's designee shall convene the first meeting of the educational workforce working group no later than August 1, 2007, at which time the members shall select a chair, to examine and address the following issues:

(1) How well the workforce needs of Hawaii are currently being met;

(2) How prepared the State is to meet the workforce needs of the future;

(3) What recommendations can be made to improve Hawaii's educational system to fulfill the workforce needs of the future;



- 1 (4) What is the current relationship between the public
2 schools and emerging industries;
- 3 (5) What percentage of high school students participate in
4 any form of vocational or professional training
5 outside of the school setting;
- 6 (6) What aspects of high school curriculum, standards, and
7 assessment strategies have a direct relationship to
8 the State's future workforce needs;
- 9 (7) What are the challenges or impediments to creating a
10 more direct relationship between schools and economy-
11 driving industries of the State;
- 12 (8) How might autonomous schools-within-schools, magnet
13 schools, specialized schools, and charter schools be
14 better used to create more direct links between high
15 schools and economy-driving industries of the State;
16 and
- 17 (9) How might the size of public schools, the distribution
18 of discretionary funding, the decentralized authority
19 of school community councils or charter school local
20 school boards, and other organizational reforms be
21 better used to satisfy the workforce development needs
22 of the information and technology age.



1 (b) The educational workforce working group shall submit a
2 report on its findings and recommendations regarding the issues
3 set forth in subsection (a), including any recommendations and
4 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
5 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2008.

6 (c) The membership of the educational workforce working
7 group shall be as follows:

- 8 (1) Two representatives appointed by the president of the
9 senate;
- 10 (2) Two representatives appointed by the speaker of the
11 house of representatives;
- 12 (3) The director of business, economic development, and
13 tourism or the director's designee;
- 14 (4) The superintendent of education or the
15 superintendent's designee;
- 16 (5) Two representatives from the University of Hawaii
17 system; provided that at least one shall be the
18 chancellor of a community college;
- 19 (6) Two high school principals appointed by the
20 superintendent of education from the high school
21 principals leadership group;



- 1 (7) The executive director of the Hawaii P-20 council or
2 the executive director's designee;
- 3 (8) The chairperson of the workforce development council
4 or the chairperson's designee;
- 5 (9) The president and chief executive officer of
6 Enterprise Honolulu or the president and chief
7 executive officer's designee;
- 8 (10) The president of the Hawaii Science and Technology
9 Council or the president's designee;
- 10 (11) The president and chief executive officer of the
11 Hawaii Community Foundation or the president and chief
12 executive officer's designee; and
- 13 (12) The executive director of the Honolulu Community
14 Action Program or the executive director's designee.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$25,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the
18 educational workforce working group.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20 labor and industrial relations for the purposes of this part.



PART II

EDUCATING HAWAII'S WORKFORCE

SECTION 3. The department of education shall include within its strategic plan, plans to ensure optimal use of technology for administration, data collection, and data sharing related to educational and workforce needs, and plans to ensure that personalized student education plans will provide a direct link to economic and workforce needs.

The department of education shall submit a report containing its five-year plan to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2008.

SECTION 4. The University of Hawaii shall prepare a report detailing:

(1) The current activities on each of its campuses to prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed to successfully enter and progress in the Hawaii workforce;

(2) The University of Hawaii's current plans to increase the percentage of Hawaii high school graduates who continue their education by enrolling at a University of Hawaii campus and to increase the percentage of



1 students who earn degrees or certificates within one
2 hundred fifty per cent of the planned length of the
3 degree, particularly in fields where the State is
4 experiencing shortages of qualified employees; and
5 (3) Recommendations about additional steps the State needs
6 to consider implementing to increase the number of
7 qualified workers in the State.

8 The University of Hawaii shall submit the report to the
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the regular session of 2008.

11 SECTION 5. (a) There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
14 sum of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
15 year 2008-2009 for 2.0 (FTE) workforce development liaison
16 positions and 1.0 (FTE) support staff position within the
17 department of education to assist the department of education in
18 coordinating workforce development efforts with the various
19 departments, agencies, businesses, and organizations, including
20 the University of Hawaii and public school academies, within the
21 State to provide students with:

22 (1) Career exploration, awareness, and mentoring;



1 (2) Access to unpaid and paid internships and experiential
2 learning opportunities; and

3 (3) Job placement assistance;

4 provided that the duties of the workforce development liaisons
5 shall be divided into public sector and private sector
6 relationships. The public sector liaison shall be responsible
7 for coordinating workforce development efforts between the
8 department of education and any department or agency of the
9 State, the counties, or any political subdivisions thereof, and
10 the private sector liaison shall be responsible for coordinating
11 workforce development efforts between the department of
12 education and businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other
13 private sector organizations.

14 (b) The workforce development liaisons shall also be
15 responsible for:

- 16 (1) Identifying future workforce need areas, such as
17 nursing, teaching, science and technology, and
18 agribusiness;
- 19 (2) Working to establish new academies to support growth
20 in workforce need areas;
- 21 (3) Interfacing with the business community to determine
22 what skill sets are necessary and to create mutually



1 beneficial relationships between the schools or
2 academies and businesses, including the development of
3 paid internships and facilitation of job
4 opportunities; and

5 (4) Assisting the public schools and the academies with
6 curriculum integration and other department of
7 education functions.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of education for the purposes of this part.

10 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

