

# OAHU WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES – June 2016

**LOCAL BOARD REQUESTS OF THE STATE COUNCIL:** We are awaiting response these requests

- 1. Request: A cost-benefit analysis of HireNet's current vendor contract** – HireNet is the name of the website that jobseekers input resumes and businesses list job openings. The current system is described consistently in underwhelming terms by current business users and job seeker customers. The transition to WIOA provides an excellent opportunity to analyze performance of the current vendor and determine what to do on a go forward basis.
- 2. Request: Eligible Training Provider (ETP) program** – Please unfreeze this program. The WDC froze this program last June 2015. At the time, WDC indicated that a new policy would be in place by August 2015. We are still waiting. With this program frozen, a number of schools/training programs and students are in limbo and not able to offer nor receive job training. Please issue the new WDC Eligible Training Provider (ETP) policy as soon as possible or at least extend the expiration date of the current ETP list.

Without the WDC's action on this, all (not just new schools/training programs) will cease to exist July 1, 2016 and job seekers will not have access to job training programs. According to our current one-stop operator, the following number of job seekers will and training programs/schools will be impacted:

Number of Participants	Training Provider
40	Honolulu Community College
18	Leeward Community College
8	Kapiolani Community College
3	Simplified and Computer Tech Training
3	Applied Computer
2	University of Hawaii West Oahu
1	Hawaii Medical College
5 pending	Newman Consulting

In addition, there are five (5) new schools/training programs that have been waiting in limbo since the WDC implemented a freeze. I

- 3. Request: Firewall Policy** – When it is finalized, we are requesting a copy of the WDC firewall policy that the US DOL required the WDC to have in place. This is because we hope to use the state's policy as one of the references we use to develop the firewall policy for our Local Board. We are told that the WDC draft firewall policy is currently with the Attorney General's Office for review after which it will be reviewed and voted on by the WDC before it is submitted to the US DOL for their review.

### **LOCAL BOARD:**

Permitted interaction groups as in various stages of meeting:

- Interim Local Plan Group
- Nanakuli Library Business Resource Center Advisory Group to the State Librarian
- Manoa Library Innovation Maker Space Business Advisory Group to the State Librarian.