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**BACKGROUND**

- In 2015/2016 the University of Hawaii asked the Chamber to conduct workforce business engagement sessions statewide.
- Program was redesigned to do sector partnerships as both an economic and workforce program.
- Sector chosen were to be in the STEM fields and sectors were chosen by each county.
- Economic developments boards of Maui, Kauai and Hawaii county are the conveners.
- The Chamber is the convener on Oahu.

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**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

- Sector partnerships are industry led
- Support groups like UH, DLIR, DOE, Chamber, DBEDT and others are there to listen and support
- Format-Industry Only Table
- Action oriented
- Not only for workforce issues
- Again industry led!

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### STATUS

- Sectors done or targeted
  - Hawaii: Agriculture (April 2017)
  - Maui: Healthcare (March 2017)
  - Kauai: Agriculture (TBA)
  - Oahu: Banking (June 2016-HBA), IT (September 2016), Food Manufacturing (February 2017), Healthcare (April 2017) and Design Engineering (June 2017)

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### LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE

- Industry does not always get together
- Support organizations do not get together or coordinate
- Our format forces business to lead and pull efforts and solutions, not support organizations.
- Long term funding is not set, but there is commitment to continue.
- We believe that this format can be the gathering table for industry, workforce/education, economic development to work together

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