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## **Chamber of Commerce Hawaii Launches Workforce Recovery Program to Assist Hawaii Residents Impacted by COVID-19**

*[Hawaii Is Hiring](#) Serves as One-Stop Online Resource to Connect Kamaaina to Jobs & Training*

**HONOLULU** – The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii today launched [Hawaii Is Hiring](#), a new one-stop resource to connect Hawaii residents to job opportunities, training programs and career navigation.

The website, [www.HawaiiIsHiring.com](http://www.HawaiiIsHiring.com), will connect unemployed Hawaii residents, recent graduates and those seeking a career change with tools and programs that will lead them to their next steps. As of today, more than 16,000 jobs are available across the state. Top positions include retail salesperson, network and systems administrator and security guard.

“Due to COVID-19, nearly 100,000 Hawaii residents are currently looking for work. And as expanded unemployment ends, need will only grow,” **Sherry Menor-McNamara, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii President & CEO** said. “The Chamber is committed to helping these individuals find new employment and prepare for career paths that align with Hawaii’s economy of the future. Searching for a new career, especially amid economic uncertainty, can be overwhelming. We’re proud that Hawaii Is Hiring will lead our friends, families and neighbors to new opportunities.”

Hawaii Is Hiring was founded thanks to the support of the Hawaii Workforce Development Council, American Savings Bank, Anthology Marketing Group, Hawaii Executive Collaborative, Library Creative, UH Community Colleges and Upspring Digital.

“Hawaii Is Hiring speaks to the heart of WDC’s mission—to bring together the public and private sectors to build the workforce system and support the state economy,” **Allicyn Tasaka, WDC Executive Director said.** “COVID-19 has created enormous need, but there are exciting opportunities to find open jobs or learn skills for a new career. We encourage all job seekers to use the many resources available such as the new Hawaii Is Hiring website, HireNet Hawaii and the American Job Centers in their search for employment.”

“ASB is proud to support Hawaii Is Hiring and the Chamber of Commerce’s efforts to help local residents get back to work,” **Rich Wacker, American Savings Bank President & CEO said.** “Whether you’re looking for a new job, new career or opportunities to develop new skills, Hawaii is Hiring offers something for everyone. We encourage all job seekers to take advantage of this valuable community resource.”

On the site, job seekers can register for an August 12 virtual job fair at no cost. Hawaii Is Hiring features job opportunities that match career interests, skills and previous experience. It includes listings of other virtual career fairs in their communities.

Jobseekers can find short-term certificate programs in Hawaii that will help them gain new skills and be prepared for a different career in as little as three months. They can also explore earn-and-learn opportunities such as internships and apprenticeships that provide workers of all ages with opportunities to gain new skills to re-enter the workforce.

Hawaii is Hiring includes overviews of ten of Hawaii’s in-demand industries that are forecasted for growth and pay a living wage. These industries that are important to diversify Hawaii’s economy include Technology, Healthcare and Natural Resources.

*As the “Voice of Business” in Hawaii, the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii is a statewide, non-profit organization whose mission is to serve as the advocate for business in Hawaii. A recipient of the national ACCE Chamber of the Year Award in 2018, the Chamber’s **4Hawaii** efforts serves its 2,000+ member organizations and the business community under the pillars of **Economy, Environment, Education and Entrepreneurship**. The Chamber advocates on behalf of business; supports its members with training, business building and networking opportunities; and serves as a liaison between civilian and military communities, working to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Hawaii. Visit [cochawaii.org](http://cochawaii.org).*