Hawaii Workforce Development Council Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting:
This meeting will be held remotely by Zoom interactive conference technology. Board members and members of the public may participate in this remote meeting using the following Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83617740170?pwd=QnJGVVZrTjhwcckdKZ2VqeUpNdWNEUT09

Meeting materials are available for review at: https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/workforce-development-council-meetings-2022/

Written and Oral Testimony:
Members of the public may submit written testimony by U.S. mail or hand delivery at 830 Punchbowl Street, Suite 329, Honolulu, HI 96813 or by email at DLIR.Workforce.Council@hawaii.gov. It is requested that written testimony be received at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Remote oral testimony may also be provided at the Zoom link listed above.

Vision Statement:
The Workforce Development Council’s vision is that all employers have competitively skilled employees and all residents seeking work or advancement have sustainable employment and self-sufficiency.

Mission Statement:
It is the intent of the Workforce Development Council to support and guide the implementation of the Unified State Plan through active collaboration and regional sensitivity for the purpose of aligning, coordinating, and integrating workforce services to meet the needs of employers and residents in order to foster a robust economy.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Chair’s Updates..........................................................Chair Alan Hayashi
   A. Remarks by Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, State Senate, Chair, Ways and Means Committee on IT and updates on current legislative workforce bills.
   B. Short- and Long-Term Goals to clarify Council direction for the next year.
   C. Discussion of 2022 legislative bills: SB2188, HB1561, HB1786, HB2159, SB3127, and HB2441
   D. Discussion on merger of Finance Committee with Performance Measures and Accountability Committee for staff and organizational efficiency.
   E. Discussion on Selection of WDC Representative to the State Rehabilitation Council
II. Presentations:
A. Update on the Workforce Resiliency Initiative and Status of Employer Digital Literacy Assessments by Kaala Souza
B. Brief overview of statewide digital literacy and readiness survey by Pat Loui, Owner, Omnitrak

III. Update on the status of the unemployment insurance program and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations from November 18, 2021-February 10, 2022, by Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, Director

IV. Board Committee Reports: November 18, 2021- February 10, 2022
A. Employer Engagement Committee………………………………………Chair Brian Tatsumura
B. Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee……………………Chair Yvette Gibson
C. Finance Committee………………………………………………….Chair Shannon Okinaka and Jarret Yip
D. Military & Veterans Affairs Committee…………………………………Chair Ken Loui
E. Performance Measures & Accountability Committee……………………Chair Brian Lee
F. Youth Services Committee……………………………………………..Chair Ian Kitajima
G. Special Projects Committee…………………………………………….Chair Jason Ito

V. Reports Related to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Highlights from Each County’s Workforce Development Board: November 18, 2021- February 10, 2022
A. Hawaii County Workforce Development Board………………Chair Rossella Guardascione
B. Kauai County Workforce Development Board…………………..Chair Jackie Kaina
C. Maui County Workforce Development Board……………………Chair Leslie Wilkins
D. Oahu Workforce Development Board……………………………..Chair Jason Chang

VI. Reports from WIOA Core Partners Updates: November 18, 2021- February 10, 2022
A. Adult Education and Career Pathways (Dept. of Education and University of Hawaii)……Helen Sanpei, Erika Lacro
B. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Dept. of Human Services)………………Maureen Bates
C. Wagner-Peyser Act and Workforce Development Division (Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations)…………………………………………Maricar Pilotin-Freitas and Jarret Yip

VII. Roundtable sharing by members relating to industry impact of COVID-19 pandemic and any sector concerns

VIII. 2022 Meeting Schedule
A. The meetings are held quarterly on the second Thursday of the month from 9:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.
B. May 12; August 11; and November 17 (third Thursday due to holiday)

IX. Announcements and Remote Oral Testimony (if any)

X. Adjournment