HB1561

Measure Title: RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Report Title: Department of Education; Adult Workforce Readiness Program; Establishment; Appropriation (S)

Description: Establishes within the department of education a workforce readiness program to provide opportunities for students to earn associate degrees, workforce development diplomas, pre-apprenticeship certificates, and other industry-recognized certificates. Requires the department to designate schools, including adult community schools, to participate in the program. Appropriates funds for the workforce readiness program and two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) adult workforce readiness program coordinator positions.

Companion: None

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's high school students and adult education students would benefit from a work readiness preparation program. A close collaboration between educators and industry employers would ensure that students develop the skills and credentials needed to make them highly employable.

The legislature recognizes the benefit of allowing students, including students at adult and community schools, to earn associate degrees, workforce development diplomas, pre-apprenticeship certificates, and other industry-recognized certificates.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish and appropriate funds for:

(1) An adult workforce readiness program;

(2) One full-time equivalent adult workforce readiness program coordinator for McKinley community school for adults; and
(3) One full-time equivalent adult workforce readiness program coordinator for Waipahu community school for adults.

SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§302A- Adult workforce readiness program; established. (a) There is established within the department an adult workforce readiness program to be administered by the adult and community education program.

(b) The department shall designate schools, including adult and community schools, that may participate in the program.

(c) Designated adult workforce readiness program schools shall provide opportunities for students to earn associate degrees, as well as workforce development diplomas, pre-apprenticeship certificates, and other industry-recognized certificates that assess and document the student's readiness for a wide range of employment.

(d) The department may coordinate with the department of labor and industrial relations and the department of human
services division of vocational rehabilitation and may enter
into contracts with local industry employers, as appropriate, to
develop and implement the workforce readiness program.

(e) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
for the purposes of this section."

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so
much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
the development and implementation of the adult workforce
readiness program and to establish and hire two full-time
equivalent (2.0 FTE) adult workforce readiness program
coordinators to be placed at McKinley community school for
adults and Waipahu community school for adults.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
education for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

INTRODUCED BY:

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