**Report to the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee**

**For February 16, 2023 Meeting**

**State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)**

**Workforce Development Division (WDD)**

1. **Hele Imua, State of Hawaii Internship Program**
2. Administered and operated by DLIR WDD
3. Gives local students opportunity to gain work experience
4. Eligible applicants are recent college graduates or current college students soon graduating; *includes veterans*
5. State agency worksites supervise and mentor
6. Preference in worksites given to those sites with future job openings
7. Paid internships, $20/hour
8. 3 months long (89-day hires), may be reappointed for another term
9. 50 interns currently on board; pool of prospective candidates need more worksites
10. Goal: 300 interns
11. For more information, see [**https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdd/**](https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdd/)
12. **Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Grant**
13. Federal QUEST Dislocated Worker Grant from U.S. Department of Labor awarded to DLIR

b. Grant award of $10.5 million for 2 years ending September 30, 2024

c. Provides internships & other services to facilitate entry into jobs with higher skills, higher wages

d. Eligibility criteria includes: Unemployed or underemployed, dislocated workers, laid off or quit due to Covid, or other criteria

e. Target population: Marginalized communities, recently separated veterans, native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, women, persons with disabilities

f. Intended service providers: American Job Centers on all counties, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and entity to conduct outreach

1. **Job Fairs**
2. January 23 and 30, 2023—Kauai-Service Companies
3. February 7, 2023, Hawaii National Guard
4. **February 16, 2023, Oahu American Job Center – click link below**

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdd/job-fairs-and-training-opportunities/>

1. **HUB Workshops** <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdd/job-fairs-and-training-opportunities/>
2. New workshops scheduled for February, see schedule on DLIR WDD website above.
3. Create an account to access recordings of previous sessions
4. **Hire Vets Medallion Program** [**https://www.hirevets.gov/**](https://www.hirevets.gov/)
5. Only federal program to recognize employers who hire and retain veterans
6. Application for employers began January 31, 2023, ends April 30, 2023