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**Superintendent**

## **Workforce Development Branch**

**Sector Strategies & Career Pathways Committee  
Workforce Development Council  
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### **Workforce Development Branch**

- Aligned to Superintendent Hayashi's priority in advancing workforce development and workforce innovation.
- Established to increase work-based learning opportunities for students and staff through partnerships with business and industry organizations.
- Ensure students are globally competitive, locally committed



## Workforce Development Branch and CTE

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) designs quality programs that meet the needs of Hawai'i's labor workforce - inclusive of new pathways and programs of study, industry standards, work-based learning, industry-recognized certifications, early college opportunities, and professional development; ensure equity of access; and increase student participation rates and successful outcomes.
- Workforce Development Branch advances the work of the CTE program by identifying work-based learning opportunities to allow students to apply and extend what they have learned in an authentic workplace setting.

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## Workforce Development Branch Efforts

### Spring and Summer 2023

- HLTA Internships: 12 students from 10 high schools at 9 worksites on 5 islands
- DLIR Internships: 94 Students from 17 high schools at 14 worksites on 3 islands
- Welding Competition: 19 competitors from 3 high schools from 3 islands
- Hiring Fair: 125 students from 10 Oahu high schools with 70 employers

### Future Endeavors

- Currently engaged with over 20 industry partners from 9 career pathways to develop work-based learning opportunities

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