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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Remote Meeting:

This meeting will be held remotely by Zoom interactive conference technology. Board members, staff, and members of the public may participate in the remote meeting by using the following Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84833131423?pwd=mabbLFFONxsWZYiu6FZP8B2v8Loq9F.1>

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If you do not have the technology or ability to join the remote meeting via Zoom, please dial +1 (669) 444-9171 on the telephone to participate in the remote meeting.

Meeting ID: 848 3313 1423

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Physical Meeting:

A physical meeting location will be open to the public and will have an audiovisual connection, which will allow individuals at the physical meeting location to participate in

the remote meeting. The address of the physical meeting location is 830 Punchbowl Street, Room #317, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Written and Oral Testimony:

Individuals may submit written testimony by U.S. mail or hand delivery at 830 Punchbowl Street, Suite 317, Honolulu, HI 96813 or by email at DLIR.Workforce.Council@hawaii.gov. To ensure that members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we encourage interested persons to submit written testimony by 24 hours prior to the meeting. Any written testimony submitted after such time testimony will be retained as part of the record and distributed to members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure members will receive it in sufficient time to review prior to any decision-making.

Individuals may provide remote oral testimony during the remote meeting at the Zoom link listed above. Individuals participating at the physical meeting location may also provide oral testimony during the remote meeting.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order.....*Workforce Development Council Chair Ken Loui*
- II. Update on the Congressional Re-Authorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act..... *Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director*

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) needs to be re-authorized by Congress every ten years. The Act was passed in 2014, and Congress started working on this new version of measure in 2020. The new reiteration of the Act was supposed to be passed during the last Congress, but it was pushed back to 2025. This report will discuss the status as well as what can be expected for the future version of the Act.

- III. Financial Reports.....*Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director*
- IV. Report on the Disposition of Program Year 2022 Unexpended Funds
.....*Bennette Misalucha*

The Workforce Development Council has been tasked with the disposition of \$1.5 million in Program year 2022 Unexpended Funds. This report will discuss the status of the three Request for Proposal (RFP) projects and the anticipated contracts with the three government agencies: University of Hawaii, Hawaii P-20 Partners for Education, and University of Hawaii Community Colleges.

- V. Executive Session*WDC Chair Ken Loui*
 - A. Discussion regarding the annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director under Hawaii Revised Statutes § 92-5(a)(2).
- VI. Special Projects Report*Keith DeMello, Chair, Special Projects Committee*

A. A presentation on the 2025 ‘bills of interest,’ which are listed at the end of the agenda.

B. An Update on the Appointment Protocols for New Board Members,

- VII. Executive Director’s Report... *Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director, Workforce Development Council*

a. *Transportation Sector Convening and Turn-Over*

In 2024, the Workforce Development Council has convened the initial efforts to build a Transportation Sector Partnership in the State. There were four meetings that took place. The Sector Partnership Group is now on a good path, and the reins of leadership has now been transferred to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, which has been the lead on the other sector partnerships in the State.

b. *Update on the Implementation of the State Workforce Development Unified Plan: The State Workforce Unified Plan was submitted on March 4, 2024 as prescribed by United States Department of Labor and was approved in June 2024. As part of its federal mandate, the Workforce Development Council is charged with the implementation of the Plan. A summit was held on December 9, 2024 with workforce community stakeholders and at that summit, four Pillar Catalyst Teams have been formed.*

Update: The Workforce Development Council received a grant for technical assistance from the National Governor's Association from funding from the United States Department of Labor. We will be one of six states which have been selected. A preliminary coordination meeting was held in January and a timeline will be developed in collaboration with the activities of the Pillar Catalyst Teams.

c. *Update on the transition of Workforce Development Council as an attached agency to Department of Labor and Industrial Relation effective July 1, 2024.*

- Roles and Responsibilities*
- Personnel Recruitment Update*

d. *Focus for First Quarter 2025*

- Staff Training and Transition*
- Operational Transition from Workforce Development Division*
- Implementation of the Unified Plan*
- Building Strategic Partnerships with Community Organizations*

e. *Upcoming Activities/Events in 2025*

- *First Meetings of the Pillar Catalysts Teams -February and March*
- *National Economic Trends webinar – February 2025*
- *Youth Services Webinar – March 2025*
- *National Governor’s Association Winter Convening- March 2025*

f. **2025 BOARD MEETING DATES**

First Quarter:	Wednesday, February 19, 2025	9:30 am to 11:30 am
Second Quarter:	Wednesday, May 28, 2025	9:30 am to 11:30 am
Third Quarter	Wednesday, August 20, 2025	9:30 am to 11:30 am
Fourth Quarter	Wednesday, November 19, 2025	9:30 am to 11:30 am

2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATES

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 /1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Wednesday, July 23, 2025/1:30 pm to 3 pm

Wednesday, October 22, 2025/1:30 pm to 3 pm

VIII. Announcements and Constituent Comments (if any)

At this time, the public is welcome to announce upcoming events and comment on relevant issues that were not included in this meeting's agenda. Please be advised that in compliance with the Sunshine Law, the Committee cannot discuss or act on issues that were not included in this meeting's agenda, but issues raised in constituent comments may be included in a future agenda for the Committee's consideration.

IX. Next meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled on April 23, 2025 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. over zoom and in person at the Department of Labor Office at 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 317, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.

X. Adjournment

BILLS OF INTEREST

GM502	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN LOUI, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.
GM581	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JARED HIGASHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.
HB1205	Appropriates funds for the workforce development council to incorporate and implement a framework for the workforce diversification and expansion of the defense-related workforce in fields such as information technology, cybersecurity, intelligence, data science, and advanced manufacturing.
SB742	Establishes a data sharing and governance working group within the office of enterprise technology services. Appropriates funds.
HB1211	Establishes within the Department of Human Resources Development the state internship and workforce development program.
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SB1503	Requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to develop and implement training programs, public-private partnerships, funding opportunities, and recruitment strategies to develop a local workforce to meet the growing demand in defense-related personnel and promote economic diversification. Appropriates funds.
HB665	Establishes a data sharing and governance working group within the office of enterprise technology services. Appropriates funds.