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EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, October 23, 2024 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. In-person and online via Zoom

MINUTES

MEMBERS:

Derek Kanehira, Committee Chair, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Alexander and Baldwin

Cheryl Cross, Principal, Owner, C.A. Cross & Associates

Rona Fukumoto, CEO, Lanakila Pacific

Lea Dias, Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Dept of Human Services

GUEST:

Leina'ala Nakamura, Administrator, WorkHawaii Division, Dept of Community Services, City & County of Honolulu

Roxsand Okuna, Youth Program Supervisor, WorkHawaii Division, Dept of Community Services, City & County of Honolulu

Juli Chun, Workforce Development Sector Coordinator, University of Hawaii Community College Systems Office

Paul Chen, Vice President & Talent Acquisition Manager, First Hawaiian Bank

Kelii Opulauoho, Learning Manager, Organizational Development at Hawaiian Electric

Cristal Garan, Youth Program, WorkHawaii Division, Dept of Community Services, City & County of Honolulu

Anton Krucky, Director, Department of Community, City and County of Honolulu

Cheryl Cross, Principal Owner, C.A. Cross & Associates

Anne Reid, HR Director, Finance Factors

Lee-Ann Williams-Naeole, AJC

Mark Menard, Business Services Coordinator, American Job Center Hawaii, WorkHawaii Division Tamara Addison, HR and Labor Vice President, Oahu Transit Services

Deborah Leong-Yep, HR, UHA Health Insurance

Jackie Kaina, Executive Director, Kauai Economic Development Board

Sonya Koki, SSFM

Thomas Chock, Program Specialist, DEBDT

AJ Hoffman, HR, Y Hata

STAFF:

Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director, Workforce Development Council

Daven Kawamura, Oahu Workforce Development Board Raymond Duong, Budget Analyst, Oahu Workforce Development Board Maricar Pilotin-Freitas, Administrator, Workforce Development Division

I. Call to Order

Video [00:08:57] Employer Engagement Committee meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chair Derek Kanehira.

II. Presentation: Update on Commercial Driver's Training Proposal by the Good Jobs Hawaii

Video [00:16:00] by Executive Director Bennette Misalucha

III. Workforce Opportunity Tax Credit Update

Video [00:36:06] by Workforce Development Division

IV. Statement of Purpose for the Committee

Video [00:54:25] by Chair Derek Kanehira

V. Roundtable Discussion

Video [00:57:20] facilitated by Executive Director Bennette Misalucha

VI. Executive Director's Report

Video [01:32:04] by Executive Director Bennette Misalucha

VII. Announcements and Constituent Comments

Video [01:35:43] No announcements or comments

VIII. Next Meeting

Video [01:36:25] Next Meeting: The next meeting for the Employer Engagement Committee is scenduled February 2025 but the date will be finalized shortly. The Council is in the process of setting up the dates for all the Committees.

IX. Adjournment

Video [01:36:44] Committee Chair Tui Scanlan adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.