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**HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
SECTOR STRATEGIES & CAREER PATHWAYS MEETING**

AGENDA

Date: October 7, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani Building
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 317
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting (Link below)

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Vision Statement

The Workforce Development Council’s vision is that all employers have competitively skilled employees and all residents seeking work or advancement have sustainable employment and self-sufficiency.

Mission Statement

It is the intent of the Workforce Development Council to support and guide the implementation of the Unified State Plan through active collaboration and regional sensitivity for the purpose of aligning, coordinating, and integrating workforce services to meet the needs of employers and residents in order to foster a robust economy.

I. Call to Order

II. Presentations

A. Build Your Farm

Sang Lippert, Shelby Hamamoto, and Stacie Maeda of McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA) will present on Build Your Farm, the most recent expansion of the MCSA Career Foundations curriculum. Career Foundations is a holistic initiative that equips students with essential career skills. Programs can be taught individually or as a series, helping students build confidence, manage finances, and explore entrepreneurial paths. Build Your Farm teaches farming skills, highlights resources for aspiring farmers, and guides students in starting a farm business. The curriculum includes a video series with interviews and technical tutorials from a local Hawai’i farmer.

- i. Hawai’i agriculture landscape
- ii. Agribusiness funding and regulations

iii. Community impact & sustainable farm-based ventures

B. Hawai'i Wave

Keith Matsumoto, Program Director at the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research (PICHTR), will highlight Hawai'i Wave – PICHTR's new dual-use incubation program that helps Hawai'i-based companies pivot civilian technologies toward federal and defense markets through weekly online mentorship, networking, and strategic support.

- i. Inspiring Innovation
- ii. Applications in military and private sectors

C. Center for Labor Education and Research (CLEAR)

Dion Dizon, Director of CLEAR, will present on the Center, established in 1976 by State Law and part of the University of Hawai'i, West O'ahu. CLEAR provides education, research, and labor-related programs to workers, their organizations, students, and the public through classes, seminars, workshops, publications, and media. By statute, the Center is guided by a Labor Education and Advisory Council appointed by the University of Hawai'i President.

- i. Desired outcomes and vision of CLEAR
- ii. Connection to workforce development
- iii. Target market
- iv. Students only, or business and community resource?
- v. Economic impact for the state

III. Executive Director's Report

- A. Update on the 2024-2028 State Unified Plan Implementation
- B. A report on the Future Work Conference held September 24, 2025 and the Generational Commitment or State Unified Plan North Star
- C. Focus for the fourth quarter

IV. Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2026

Virtual Videoconferencing Meeting via Zoom and in-person at 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 317, Honolulu, HI 96813

V. Adjournment

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