



## RESOLUTION OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### Resolution 2025.11.19

#### *CREATING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP FOR THE MILITARY SPOUSES WORKFORCE INITIATIVE*

WHEREAS, the Military and Veteran Affairs Committee has long been at the forefront of efforts to support military spouses in securing meaningful employment and becoming an essential part of Hawai'i's workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has made substantial progress in this initiative, working collaboratively with specialists from the Workforce Development Division, and has helped identify strategies to strengthen workforce opportunities for military families; and

WHEREAS, although the Military and Veteran Affairs Committee has been phased out for operational reasons, the Council recognizes that the military spouse workforce initiative remains a critical priority for Hawai'i's economic future and deserves continued focus and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that targeted, time-limited work through a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) is appropriate to further develop recommendations, streamline strategies, and continue the momentum of this important effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Workforce Development Council hereby establishes a Permitted Interaction Group whose purpose is to continue the initiatives under the Military Spouses Workforce Project, including but not limited to identifying barriers, recommending policy and program improvements, and strengthening pathways that support military spouses as a vital component of Hawai'i's workforce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the former Chair of the Military and Veteran Affairs Committee and the former Vice Chair, Cheryl Cross, are hereby designated to serve as the leadership team of this Permitted Interaction Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Sunshine Law requirements, the Permitted Interaction Group shall present its findings, activities, and recommendations to the Council at a duly noticed meeting at the earliest appropriate time.

Adopted by the Workforce Development Council at its November 19, 2025 meeting.