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STATE DISSEMINATING JOB LIST IN RESPONSE TO CLOSURE OF HAWAII MEDICAL CENTERS

More than 500 Health Care Industry Jobs Listed Online

HONOLULU—The Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations (DLIR) has assembled and is continuing to enlarge a list of job openings designed to facilitate the transition for employees of the soon to be closed Hawai'i Medical Centers.

“We are working to support the employees during this difficult time in whatever way possible as directed by Governor Abercrombie,” said DLIR Director Dwight Takamine. “Ideally, we hope to help many of the workers transition seamlessly to new positions and where necessary serve those employees who must apply for unemployment benefits.”

The DLIR's Workforce Development Council (WDC) is coordinating with Hawai'i's health care employers to identify current job listings. The listing currently has over 500 positions and includes job listings from corporate job boards and the state's online system [HireNet Hawai'i](#) in addition to the job listings provided by employers. The job list consists of both part-time and full-time positions available, covering a wide variety of occupations including health trades like Nursing and Physicians as well as other occupations necessary to operate a health care facility.

“The Council appreciates all the kokua the department has received in putting together the list, which will help many of the workers transition—and during this holiday season—it indicates that in Hawai‘i we still have a community that thinks of itself as ‘ohana first,” said Council Chair Marian Tsuji.

The list is available on the DLIR website at <http://hawaii.gov/labor/wdc>. Interested individuals may also request an electronic version via an email to dlir.director@hawaii.gov or by fax to (808) 586-9099.

“We strongly urge Hawai‘i Medical Center employees filing for unemployment benefits to do so online, which is the most efficient way to apply for the benefits,” said Unemployment Insurance Division Administrator Linda Uesato. “Please do not file an unemployment claim until you are actually separated from employment, otherwise, you will have to redo your application whether you do it by phone, in person or online.”

On Wednesday and Thursday the DLIR traveled to both Hawai‘i Medical Center worksites in Liliha and Ewa to provide Rapid Response services to employees. A total of 24 sessions furnished employees with information on applying for unemployment benefits, potential workforce training programs, and other services.

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