
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that investments in
2 colleges and universities have a positive and long-lasting
3 impact on the overall health of the state. The legislature
4 further finds that the University of Hawaii system serves
5 thousands of local residents through their community college
6 programs, allowing graduates to remain in their communities as
7 an active and contributing workforce. Through seven degree-
8 granting campuses, and affiliated university centers on Maui,
9 Kauai, and in West Hawaii, the community colleges collectively
10 serve approximately twenty-six thousand degree-seeking students
11 each semester (fifty-two per cent of the total University of
12 Hawaii headcount enrollment) and offer non-credit, short-term
13 offerings, averaging fifty-two thousand annual registrations in
14 recent years (averaging fifty-seven per cent of the total
15 University of Hawaii annual non-credit registrations). To meet
16 the needs of a growing and diversified population, the community
17 colleges have established sound academic programs and continue
18 to advance technologically and professionally. However,



1 continuing to fulfill their mission of open door access to
2 quality post-secondary education for the residents of Hawaii
3 within the finite limits of the State's financial resources
4 continues to challenge the community colleges. Funding for the
5 individual campus requests will support the mission of the
6 community colleges in addressing the current educational and
7 training needs of students, businesses, and the community. The
8 specific challenges faced by each of the community colleges are
9 further described below.

10 PART I

11 HONOLULU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

12 SECTION 2. Honolulu community college (HCC) is well known
13 as the "Technical Training College of the Pacific". The campus
14 serves approximately six thousand students each semester, with
15 over fifty per cent of enrollment in apprenticeship or technical
16 training programs. Hawaii's current economic boom, coupled with
17 the perennial shortage of workers, has created an unsurpassed
18 demand for skilled labor, and HCC remains dynamic in meeting
19 industry demands for trained and qualified workers through
20 ongoing discussions with many key industries such as
21 construction, defense, and information technology. As such, HCC
22 prides itself on being the State's primary technical workforce



1 development institution. Much-needed funding in the area of
2 operational costs, programming for native Hawaiians, student
3 educational outreach and retention, equipment replacement, and
4 technical education will allow HCC to continue to meet high
5 academic standards, and thus provide the state with highly-
6 qualified and skilled workers.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
10 Honolulu community college to address the needs described in
11 section 2 of this Act.

12 PART II

13 KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

14 SECTION 4. The legislature finds that Kapiolani community
15 college's (KCC) enrollment grew to seven thousand three hundred
16 students in fall 2005. KCC has attempted to continue providing
17 extensive and quality liberal arts and twenty-first century
18 career programs. In addition to liberal arts students, KCC
19 serves Hawaii's workforce needs through career programs in
20 business, information technology, culinary arts, hospitality
21 services, nursing and health sciences, legal assistance, English
22 as a second language, sign language interpreter education, and



1 interpreter education, and paraprofessional and teacher
2 education. KCC's emerging technology programs in new media
3 arts, science, biotechnology, exercise and sport science, and
4 eBusiness provide opportunities for new synergies in career
5 education that advance state economic development opportunities.

6 Nationally recognized by four higher education associations
7 for excellence in student learning, KCC needs support in four
8 priority areas to sustain excellence in student learning:

- 9 (1) Improved infrastructure--Twenty years of enrollment
10 growth and intensive use of campus facilities,
11 operating budget erosions, and increasing demand for
12 technology integration within all programs have
13 resulted in a serious need for additional critical
14 support funding for building, maintenance, new
15 classrooms and furniture, equipment, technology, and
16 parking to sustain excellence in academic programs,
17 staff for business, training, web, and distance
18 learning;
- 19 (2) Success for native Hawaiian students with
20 disabilities--Inspired by the legacy of Queen
21 Kapiolani, KCC is committed to the educational success
22 of its native Hawaiian students. Counseling services



1 and services to provide accommodations to all disabled
2 students must be shifted to non-federal sources to
3 ensure student success and to comply with federal
4 laws;

5 (3) Workforce and economic development--KCC's 21st century
6 career programs are strongly aligned with state
7 economic development projections, including:

8 (A) Strengthening career pathway programming with the
9 department of education;

10 (B) Expanding remedial and development program to
11 ensure greater access to and success in career
12 programs;

13 (C) Strengthening programs for students with limited
14 English proficiency; and

15 (D) Developing local and national partnerships for
16 career program enhancement;

17 and

18 (4) Long-term care workforce and industry--With a rapidly
19 aging demographic profile, the State must focus
20 greater resources on developing a long-term care
21 workforce and industry.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
4 Kapiolani community college to address the needs described in
5 section 4 of this Act.

6 PART III

7 LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

8 SECTION 6. With the exciting growth in West Oahu and the
9 identified needs on the Leeward Coast, Leeward community college
10 (LCC) is preparing for a new level of service, excellence, and
11 professionalism. New opportunities are imminent in general
12 education, transfer relations with University of Hawaii-West
13 Oahu, and workforce development. New baseline planning data
14 being generated by the University of Hawaii system office points
15 to the Leeward-serving area as ground zero in the state for job
16 opportunities and for addressing pressing needs relating to
17 service, growth, outreach, and innovation, which are the
18 watchwords for renewal at LCC. LCC's requests include:

- 19 (1) Safety budget items and up-to-date equipment;
20 (2) Staffing for sufficient operation of administrative
21 offices; and



1 (3) Marketing capabilities to disseminate information
2 throughout the community regarding LCC's educational,
3 vocational, and industry-focused programs.

4 In addition, LCC also seeks funding to enhance teacher
5 preparation and nursing preparation to address current shortages
6 statewide, as well as nationwide.

7 Furthermore, in an effort to reach out to the growing
8 Filipino population, LCC hopes to establish a Philippine studies
9 program in an effort to increase the Filipino student population
10 within the university system. LCC is in an excellent position
11 to establish and implement a Philippine studies program if
12 provided with program funding.

13 Furtherance of native Hawaiian initiatives is also being
14 requested to increase the native Hawaiian population within the
15 university system.

16 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
19 Leeward community college to address the needs described in
20 section 6 of this Act.

21 PART IV

22 WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE



1 SECTION 8. Windward community college (WCC) has transformed
2 from a basic, seventy-year-old hospital building to a state-of-
3 the-art, modern educational institution. Students have been
4 able to benefit from the latest in educational technology,
5 although additional resources are needed to meet the growing
6 technological advancements, particularly in the area of
7 information technology support, computer equipment, and security
8 measures to protect its valuable equipment. To increase and
9 retain the native Hawaiian student population, funding is also
10 necessary for native Hawaiian initiatives.

11 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
14 Windward community college to address the needs described in
15 section 8 of this Act.

16 PART V

17 HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE

18 SECTION 10. As the only community college serving the
19 entire island of Hawaii, Hawaii community college (Hawaii CC)
20 plays a crucial role in supporting local industries, as well as
21 assisting the county in attracting new ones. Hawaii CC has
22 successfully worked in partnership with government entities,



1 private agencies, and non-profit organizations to assess the
2 workforce training needs of businesses and to deliver workforce
3 training at all levels, from entry through skill-upgrade
4 training, in support of local industries. Currently, Hawaii CC
5 facilities are located on two sites in the Hilo area:

6 (1) Manono Street; and

7 (2) Kawili Street.

8 As part of its long-range development plan, a new Hawaii CC
9 campus will be built on one hundred and twenty acres above
10 Komohana Street in Hilo. Over the interim, Hawaii CC will
11 implement a transition plan that will require continued use of
12 the facilities at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Manono
13 Street campuses. Vital to its transition plan are funds to
14 address the growing needs of Hawaii CC through janitorial and
15 maintenance functions, utilities, campus security, and equipment
16 replacement to better serve the students, faculty, and staff of
17 Hawaii CC. Current staffing is available to provide basic and
18 minimal services to students.

19 Additional support is needed to deliver a comprehensive
20 package of services that will facilitate the movement of
21 students from entry level through completion, including job
22 placement when they graduate and counseling support for students



1 who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate degree program. Hawaii
2 CC is also faced with the challenge of becoming compliant with
3 the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as related state
4 laws and university policies and procedures to ensure that
5 students with disabilities receive fair and equal opportunities
6 to succeed. Funding is also necessary for nurse preparation to
7 address the current nursing shortage, as well as to enhance
8 native Hawaiian initiatives to ensure increased enrollment of
9 native Hawaiian students at Hawaii CC.

10 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
13 Hawaii community college to address the needs described in
14 section 10 of this Act.

15 PART VI

16 KAUAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

17 SECTION 12. Fundamental to Kauai community college's (Kauai
18 CC) ability to respond to the challenge of economic and
19 workforce growth is adequate infrastructure, particularly in
20 equipment replacement. Career and technical programs, such as
21 electronics and nursing, have been especially hard pressed by
22 the budget reductions of the past decade and Kauai CC must be



1 able to train students on the kind of equipment used in the
 2 field. In the area of information technologies, all operations
 3 of Kauai CC, from facilities maintenance to academic support and
 4 instruction, are dependent upon reliable computing support and
 5 high-speed connections to centralized databases located on Oahu.
 6 Thus, sufficient computer hardware, software, and training
 7 support are essential tools on the campus.

8 In addition, funding is needed to address the pressing
 9 needs of both the county and the state shortfall in qualified
 10 teachers and nurses. Kauai CC, in partnership with sister
 11 University of Hawaii campuses, encourages more students to
 12 choose a career in education and nursing.

13 Funding is also a priority to support native Hawaiian
 14 initiatives.

15 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general
 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
 18 Kauai community college to address the needs described in
 19 section 12 of this Act.

PART VII

MAUI COMMUNITY COLLEGE



1 SECTION 14. Serving the population on Maui, Molokai, and
2 Lanai, Maui community college (MCC) has a strategic plan that
3 specifically emphasizes workforce development. In particular,
4 oral health care, early childhood education, and biotechnology
5 are identified as areas within the community demanding a
6 homegrown workforce. Also of importance are resources needed to
7 address the nursing shortage and the lack of sufficient programs
8 for native Hawaiian initiatives.

9 SECTION 15. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
12 Maui community college to address the needs described in section
13 14 of this Act.

14 PART VIII

15 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM-WIDE SUPPORT

16 SECTION 16. The University of Hawaii's community college
17 system-wide support needs support in three areas.

18 (1) Utilities shortfall

19 Because the increasing costs of utilities on seven
20 community college campuses have resulted in shortfall, funding
21 is needed to offset the escalating costs.



1 (2) Program review/program improvement fund (improvement
2 fund)

3 The community colleges are accredited by the Accrediting
4 Commission for the Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the
5 Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In June 2004, the
6 ACCJC adopted new standards for accreditation that have placed
7 additional emphasis on the processes linked to the improvement
8 of student learning and thus, heightened expectations that each
9 college will have a program review process in place that
10 examines the performance of every program and service. ACCJC
11 standards call for the system level administration in multi-
12 campus districts to make system-wide resource allocations on the
13 basis of the outcomes of the campus program review processes.
14 Providing resources to the improvement fund would fulfill the
15 requirements of the new ACCJC standards. An improvement fund
16 will develop a standard set of resources that can provide the
17 infrastructure needed to meet the new assessment processes, and
18 the flexible resources to differentially allocate resources
19 across the colleges according to the needs identified in the
20 program review process.

21 (3) Rapid response workforce development fund (development
22 fund)



1 In addition, the establishment of a development fund within
2 the community colleges will provide the infrastructure and
3 program delivery funds essential for a focused incumbent worker
4 training process that will result in a more productive
5 workplace. This request is in response to an increase in the
6 workforce with the implementation of higher standards and skills
7 being needed in education and training to be prepared to assume
8 positions of greater responsibility.

9 SECTION 17. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
12 community colleges system-wide support to address the needs
13 described in section 16 of this Act.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
15 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

16 PART IX

17 SECTION 18. The sums appropriated to the community college
18 in sections 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15 shall be expended by that
19 community college for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 19. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



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