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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S KAUAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that investments in  
2 college and universities have a positive and long-lasting impact  
3 on the overall health of the state. The legislature further  
4 finds that the University of Hawaii system serves thousands of  
5 local residents through their community college programs,  
6 allowing graduates to remain in their communities as an active  
7 and contributing workforce. To meet the needs of a growing and  
8 diversified population, the community colleges have established  
9 sound academic programs and continue to advance technologically  
10 and professionally.

11           Fundamental to Kauai community college's ability to respond  
12 to the challenges of economic and workforce growth is adequate  
13 infrastructure, particularly in equipment replacement. Career  
14 and technical programs, such as electronics and nursing, have  
15 been especially hard pressed by the budget reductions of the  
16 past decade and Kauai community college must be able to train  
17 students on the kind of equipment used in the field. In the  
18 area of information technologies, all operations of the college,



1 from facilities maintenance to academic support and instruction,  
2 are dependent upon reliable computing support and high-speed  
3 connections to centralized databases located on Oahu. Sufficient  
4 computer hardware, software, and training support are essential  
5 tools on the campus.

6 Among the pressing needs of both the county and the state  
7 is the shortfall in qualified teachers for local public and  
8 private schools. Kauai community college has partnered with  
9 sister University of Hawaii campuses to encourage more students  
10 to choose a career in education. By bringing these  
11 opportunities to Kauai through distance learning technologies,  
12 the University of Hawaii has greatly increased the ability of  
13 local residents to stay in their own communities and still  
14 pursue a teaching career. To grow this effort, the college  
15 requires a dedicated staff who can actively recruit, counsel,  
16 and support youth who are choosing a career direction, as well  
17 as adults, who are contemplating a career change.

18 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate greatly-needed  
19 funds to Kauai community college for their operational expenses.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$411,512 or so much  
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the



1 following expenses relating to the University of Hawaii's Kauai  
2 community college:

3 A. Increased teacher preparation \$55,000

4 Total funding \$55,000

5 B. Improve technological infrastructure and staffing

6 1. One permanent IT computer specialist \$47,880

7 2. Educational supplies \$20,000

8 3. Non-inventory equipment \$62,226

9 Total funding \$130,106

10 C. Equipment replacement

11 1. Non-inventory equipment \$150,000

12 2. Educational equipment \$76,406

13 Total funding \$226,406

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Kauai  
15 community college for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

Appropriations for Kauai Community College

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for Kauai Community College.

