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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S WINDWARD 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. In order to meet the needs of a  
8 growing and diversified population, the community colleges have  
9 established sound academic programs and continue to advance  
10 technologically and professionally.

11           Windward community college has transformed from a basic,  
12 seventy-year-old hospital building to a state-of-the-art, modern  
13 educational institution. With the addition of four new  
14 buildings, the students and the community are able to benefit  
15 from the latest in educational technology. Classrooms are  
16 equipped with media and computer equipment that enhance daily



1 instruction and meet the changing needs of students as they  
2 prepare for further education and the workplace.

3       The college needs a graphic artist to support  
4 technologically, innovative initiatives. The imaginarium, an  
5 educational tool that allows students to three-dimensionally  
6 view anything from the human body to the solar system, requires  
7 the development of programming that requires a high level of  
8 graphic expertise. The college has found that quality marketing  
9 in the form of new and improved school publications make a  
10 difference in enrollment numbers. In addition, increased  
11 distance education requires well-designed course materials.

12       Computers have become an integral part of every  
13 instructional program. Computer labs for student use need  
14 expert staff to advise and assist the students and to keep the  
15 equipment running. Faculty need support to create and use  
16 online instructional materials. For the campus to reach its  
17 fullest potential and maximize the use of computer technology  
18 for instructional programs, distance education, and  
19 teleconferencing, a substantive and visible commitment to  
20 technology is essential.

21       In 2002, Windward community college merged with the  
22 employment training center, allowing the school to become a



1 bigger and more complex organization. While positively  
2 impacting the school academically, it has challenged the  
3 school's infrastructure and the college needs to build up its  
4 support staff to sustain quality service for the students and  
5 the community.

6 With the addition of new "high tech" facilities, the  
7 college has greatly increased its need for security. Students  
8 have also made it clear that personal security is an important  
9 issue for them.

10 The college's technology vision plan calls for a four-year  
11 replacement cycle for computers and high technology equipment.  
12 To do that adequately for four hundred computers and thousands  
13 of pieces of other equipment, it would require several hundred  
14 thousand dollars per year. In the supplemental budget, the  
15 college is asking for a modest replacement budget to address the  
16 most critical and/or the most antiquated equipment.

17 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to Windward  
18 community college for much-needed operating costs, equipment,  
19 and infrastructure, and additional staff.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$425,616 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  
2 Windward community college:

- 3       A.    Technological support for college programs
  - 4           1.    One half-time permanent imaginarium
 

manager	\$23,940
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  - 6           2.    Two permanent IT computer specialists     \$95,760
  - 7           3.    One permanent graphic artist             \$47,880
  - 8           Total funding                                     \$167,580
  
- 9       B.    Critical campus infrastructure
  - 10          1.    One permanent account clerk             \$26,939
  - 11          2.    Contract security                         \$100,000
  - 12          3.    Repair and maintenance                 \$50,000
  - 13          Total funding                                     \$176,939
  
- 14       C.    Equipment replacement funds
  - 15          1.    Non inventory equipment                 \$41,097
  - 16          2.    Educational equipment                    \$40,000
  - 17          Total funding                                     \$81,097


18       The sum appropriated shall be expended by Windward  
19 community college for the purposes of this Act.

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

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**Report Title:**

Appropriations for Windward Community College

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for Windward Community College.

