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S.B. NO. 2447

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM CARE RESOURCE  
INITIATIVE AT KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO TRAIN AND  
EDUCATE HAWAII'S ELDERCARE WORKFORCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that family caregivers  
2 have a complex responsibility but consistently report that they  
3 are not prepared for these roles. This lack of training occurs  
4 throughout the caregiving experience, but is most apparent when  
5 care recipients are discharged from hospitals or short-term  
6 nursing home stays after an illness or accident. Formal  
7 instruction is often sporadic and inadequate. Families are  
8 expected to perform skilled nursing care but without the  
9 training that professionals must receive.

10           Family caregiver needs for information and training change  
11 throughout the course of their loved one's illness. They must  
12 have opportunities to learn new skills as they become necessary,  
13 access new resources, and learn about care options as the  
14 situation changes. Families also need honest information about  
15 the financial, social, and health-related consequences of  
16 various arrangements for care and they must share in the  
17 decision-making about care arrangements.



1 Hawaii's long-term care workforce shortages and its impact  
2 will become increasingly difficult on families as the aging  
3 population increases. The demand for services for individuals  
4 needing long-term care will outpace the supply of care workers  
5 and will worsen if not addressed. Therefore, the legislature  
6 believes that family caregivers must have appropriate, timely,  
7 and ongoing education and training in order to successfully meet  
8 their caregiving responsibilities. In addition, family  
9 caregivers and their loved ones must be assured of an  
10 affordable, well qualified, and sustainable eldercare workforce.

11 The purpose of this Act is to develop at Kapiolani  
12 community college a training and education program for Hawaii's  
13 eldercare workforce.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
16 and to read as follows:

17 "§304- Long-term care resource program initiative.

18 There is established at Kapiolani community college a long-term  
19 care resource program initiative that shall be responsible for:

- 20 (1) Expanding the quality and quantity of community- and  
21 home-based long-term care paraprofessional caregivers;



- 1        (2) Improving the support and training of family
- 2                caregivers; and
- 3        (3) Harnessing the productivity of the elderly in becoming
- 4                a health care resource for themselves and the
- 5                community.

6        The initiative shall serve as a statewide model for the  
 7 other community colleges on each island to establish similar  
 8 programs."

9                SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000, or so much  
 11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the  
 12 Kapiolani community college for the purposes of this Act.

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

15                SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

16                SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

By Request



SB 2447

**Report Title:**

Long-Term Care Resource Initiative; Eldercare Workforce Training

**Description:**

Appropriates \$300,000 to Kapiolani Community College to train a workforce to care for the State's elder population.

