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S.B. NO. 2449

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of
2 Hawaii center on aging is an important resource to our
3 community. The center's research is widely respected and
4 applied in aging programs throughout the State. The center has
5 trained professionals to provide critical leadership roles in
6 aging policy and practice, and has served as a focal point for
7 community groups to turn to when questions arise as to best
8 practices, research information, program evaluation, curriculum
9 development, and strategic planning.

10 While the center has played a significant role in preparing
11 greatly needed professionals in the field of aging, Hawaii
12 continues to face great challenges on how to meet the serious
13 and unremitting needs of our current older adult population.
14 There are serious demands for a well trained workforce and
15 leaders in gerontology in the near future, well-educated
16 citizens who understand the implications of a growing elderly
17 population, and leaders who can develop programs and policies
18 that benefit not only those who are aged, but those who will



1 age. The center plays an important role in meeting a
2 significant part of this workforce development need.

3 In mid-2006, the center will be transferred from the office
4 of public health studies to the school of social work without
5 resources to function properly and thrive. The only permanently
6 funded position making the transfer is the secretary. The
7 legislature believes that a commitment to provide the center
8 with key, permanent positions will be a relatively small, but
9 important, investment that will bring in significant returns for
10 the University of Hawaii and the State.

11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
12 University of Hawaii to hire permanent staff for the center on
13 aging.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
17 hiring of permanent staff at the center on aging and costs
18 related to the transfer of the center on aging from the office
19 of public health studies to the school of social work.

20 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
21 University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

By Request



SB 2449

Report Title:

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Description:

Appropriates funds for the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii.

