## 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 the bridge to hope
- 2 program is a nationally recognized model that supports post-
- 3 secondary education as a means for welfare recipients to achieve
- 4 life-long economic self-sufficiency, leaving not only welfare
- 5 but also poverty. A partnership between the University of
- 6 Hawaii and the state department of human services, the bridge to
- 7 hope program provides on-campus student employment opportunities
- 8 so welfare recipients who are students can meet their
- 9 requirements for paid employment. The legislature further finds
- 10 that the program, which is available on all ten campuses of the
- 11 University of Hawaii system, is offered to single parents
- 12 receiving public assistance under the federal Temporary
- 13 Assistance to Needy Families program.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to help welfare recipients who
- 15 are students gain employment, earnings, job skills and employer
- 16 references by appropriating funds for the coordination and
- 17 administration of the bridge to hope program at the University
- 18 of Hawaii.

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- 1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$60,000, or so much
- 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
- 4 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 5 2008-2009, for coordination and administration of the bridge to
- 6 hope program of the University of Hawaii.
- 7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
- 8 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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### Report Title:

UH; Welfare; Employment; Bridge to Hope Program

### Description:

Appropriates funds for the coordination and administration of the University of Hawaii's bridge to hope program.