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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the mission of the  
2 center on aging research and education is to assure the well-  
3 being of the State's older adults by stimulating and  
4 coordinating gerontological and aging instruction, research, and  
5 community services. The legislature further finds that a goal  
6 of the center on aging research and education is to develop a  
7 research center that is renowned for its generation of knowledge  
8 that supports the development of relevant social and economic  
9 policies pertaining to the elder population, as no such entity  
10 exists in Hawaii or the region.

11           Currently, there is an urgent need to engage in  
12 gerontological research given the radical demographic shifts  
13 related to the growing aging population in Hawaii and in Asia  
14 and the Pacific.

15           However, reliable general funding is necessary to attract  
16 renowned scholars from the Asian and Pacific regions and  
17 nationally to study the aging phenomenon and serve to train



1 professionals for work in the field of gerontology. The  
2 legislature believes that, given proper staffing levels, the  
3 center on aging research and education can become a viable  
4 research and training center for addressing local and Asian and  
5 Pacific regional issues.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish five additional  
7 faculty positions at the center on aging research and education  
8 to assist the center in the fulfillment of its mission, and to  
9 appropriate funds for that purpose.

10 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall establish five  
11 additional faculty positions at the center on aging research and  
12 education to assist the center on aging research and education  
13 in the fulfillment of its mission.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$350,000, or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
17 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2008-2009, for five additional faculty positions to staff the  
19 center on aging research and education.

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



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Center on Aging Research and Education

**Description:**

Establishes five additional faculty positions at the center on aging research and education to assist in the fulfillment of its mission and appropriates funds for that purpose.

