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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S LONG-TERM CARE RESOURCE PROGRAM 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



1 various arrangements for care and they must share in the
2 decision-making about care arrangements.

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

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
14 Kapiolani community college's long-term care resource program to
15 provide training and education for Hawaii's eldercare workforce.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
19 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
20 year 2008-2009, to Kapiolani community college for its long-term
21 care resource program for training and education for Hawaii's
22 eldercare workforce.



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

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

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Report Title:

Long-Term Care Resource Initiative; Eldercare Workforce Training

Description:

Appropriates funds to Kapiolani community college to fund its long-term resource program to train a workforce to care for the State's elder population.

