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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CENTER ON AGING EDUCATION
AND RESEARCH.

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

1 SECTION 1. During the 2007 interim, the joint legislative
2 committee on family caregiving was provided with information and
3 data from a variety of studies and surveys related to family
4 caregiving and aging. The studies and surveys presented to the
5 joint legislative committee on family caregiving emphasize the
6 importance of research, education, and training in building a
7 family caregiver and "aging in place" support system in the
8 State. An inclusive, information sharing, interdisciplinary
9 center on aging is needed to address the issues of eldercare in
10 the State.

11 Because of its expressed commitment to serve in this role,
12 the joint legislative committee on family caregiving has
13 identified the University of Hawaii as the appropriate partner
14 to coordinate the research, education, and training needs in
15 developing a comprehensive family caregiver support system that
16 would allow Hawaii's elderly to age in place.



1 The University of Hawaii center on aging was established by
2 the University of Hawaii board of regents in 1988 to coordinate
3 gerontological activities, to establish gerontology as an
4 academic field, and to promote collaboration between the
5 University of Hawaii and community organizations concerned with
6 aging. Today, the center on aging is known as the center on
7 aging research and education and there is a need for the center
8 to expand to meet the needs of Hawaii's growing elderly
9 population.

10 According to the University of Hawaii center on aging
11 research and education, the center's primary role will be to:

- 12 (1) Promote, coordinate, and facilitate research,
13 education, and training efforts related to aging and
14 the enhancement of the quality of life for the State's
15 elderly community;
- 16 (2) Coordinate education and training of health and legal
17 service providers to care for the State's elderly
18 community;
- 19 (3) Provide a venue for public-private discourse and
20 development of sound public policy on aging;
- 21 (4) Direct communication and outreach activities related
22 to aging;



- 1 (5) Maintain strong links with local and state entities
2 with regard to aging issues;
- 3 (6) Lend its expertise to legislative committees that deal
4 with aging issues;
- 5 (7) Coordinate and strengthen existing university courses
6 and curriculum, as well as develop new
7 interdisciplinary courses that focus on aging; and
- 8 (8) Participate in developing a consumer-directed care
9 program for non-medicaid eligible elders.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
11 University of Hawaii center on aging research and education, for
12 faculty positions and program expenses, to carry out the
13 center's mission of assuring the well-being of the State's older
14 adults by stimulating and coordinating gerontological and aging
15 instruction, research, and community services.

16 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii shall establish up to
17 four faculty positions at the University of Hawaii center on
18 aging research. The faculty positions may be used to develop
19 methods to provide education, teaching and curriculum
20 development and coordination, outreach and community services,
21 and student aid.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
 4 up to four faculty positions at the University of Hawaii center
 5 on aging research and education and for the program expenses
 6 provided for in section 2 of this Act.

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

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 10 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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Report Title:

Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving; University of Hawaii Center on Aging Research and Education; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii center on aging research and education faculty positions and program expenses.

