
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOR PEACE
EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that during these
2 politically tumultuous times, it is of great import to develop
3 and support programs that are dedicated to the studies of peace
4 and conflict resolution. Escalating violence, not only evident
5 among nations and peoples, as in the war in Iraq, but also
6 within our own island community signifies a troubled future if
7 efforts are not made to promote peace throughout all aspects of
8 our everyday lives.

9 The legislature further finds that in 1985, the University
10 of Hawaii established the Institute of Peace, now the Spark M.
11 Matsunaga Institute for Peace, in the hope that, in Senator
12 Matsunaga's words, "every student enrolled in Hawaii's public
13 university system will be exposed to peace studies."
14 Accordingly, the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace is a
15 multi-disciplinary academic community of scholars, students,
16 practitioners, and visitors who, through teaching, research,
17 service, and application, seek to:



- 1 (1) Educate and train professionals and future leaders in
2 applied peacemaking and conflict resolution;
- 3 (2) Develop and apply innovations to the peaceful
4 resolution of conflicts--locally, regionally,
5 nationally, and globally;
- 6 (3) Address contemporary problems within Hawaii, the Asia-
7 Pacific region, the continental United States and the
8 world; and
- 9 (4) Use its strategic Pacific location to bring people
10 together and renew the University's responsibility to
11 provide a safe sanctuary for a civil and respectful
12 exchange of perspectives and ideas.

13 The legislature further finds that efforts to combat the
14 escalating violence in our communities and schools has been
15 recently addressed by this legislature in 2007, pursuant to
16 house concurrent resolution number 55, which requested the
17 department of education to conduct a study on the feasibility of
18 integrating peace education into the public school curriculum
19 and report back to the legislature with its findings on the
20 issue.

21 The legislature continues in its dedication to promoting
22 peace and peace education in Hawaii through supporting peace



1 education programs. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 funds for the hiring of necessary staff and research,
3 operations, and activities at the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute
4 for Peace.

5 SECTION 2. The Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace at
6 the University of Hawaii shall include the following additional
7 permanent positions to support its operations:

- 8 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) director position
9 at the associate professor level;
- 10 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) administrative,
11 professional, and technical position for
12 administrative and fiscal work; and
- 13 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) assistant professor
14 position.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
18 research, operations, and activities of the Spark M. Matsunaga
19 Institute for Peace; provided that the funds shall be allocated
20 for:

- 21 (1) The Hawaii case studies in peacemaking research
22 project; and



1 (2) The planning and conducting of an international
2 conference on peacemaking and conflict resolution in
3 the Asia Pacific region.

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

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

UH; Peace Education; Additional Positions

Description:

Requires the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace the University of Hawaii to hire a director; administrative, professional, and technical staff; and an assistant professor. Appropriates fund for research, operations, and activities of the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace. (SD1)

