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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that numerous studies
2 have recognized a national shortage of qualified nurses that
3 will reach a twenty per cent staffing shortfall by the year
4 2020. In 2006, Hawaii experienced a shortage of 960 registered
5 nurses that is estimated to grow to 2,220 by 2016 and 2,670 by
6 2020. A nursing shortage jeopardizes the quality of health care
7 provided in hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, clinics, and
8 other health care settings. Without enough registered nurses,
9 patient safety is at risk with rural and underserved communities
10 being most affected.

11 The nursing shortage is exacerbated by the increasing aging
12 population. Hawaii's population is aging faster than the rest
13 of the country. Between 2000 and 2020, the number of people age
14 sixty and older will increase by almost seventy-five per cent.
15 Hawaii's registered nurse workforce is also aging, with an
16 increasing number of registered nurses anticipated to retire.
17 Estimates indicate that by 2015, thirty-one per cent of Hawaii's



1 registered nurse workforce will retire. By 2020, sixty-one per
2 cent of Hawaii's current workforce will retire. The already
3 significant shortage of registered nurses will worsen.

4 The legislature finds that the key to promoting health in
5 Hawaii are efforts to increase the educational capacity of the
6 State's nursing programs that are impacted by the number of
7 faculty and support positions to admit additional students and
8 by adequate facilities. Increasing faculty training and nursing
9 graduates requires a minimum of two to five years. More
10 teaching staff would enable admittance of additional students to
11 expand learning resource opportunities to satisfy growing
12 demands. The legislature finds that an ongoing and strategic
13 public sector approach is necessary to sustain a robust,
14 qualified nursing workforce to meet Hawaii's health care needs
15 into the future.

16 The legislature agrees with the University of Hawaii's
17 statewide nursing consortium commitment to maximize the State's
18 investment in nursing education, without unnecessary duplication
19 among the various campuses. The legislature recognizes that the
20 University of Hawaii plays a vital role in nursing workforce
21 development in Hawaii.



1 The purpose of this Act is to make appropriations to the
 2 University of Hawaii to hire more nursing faculty and support
 3 positions, provide nursing scholarships and loans, increase
 4 facilities, advance the work of the statewide nursing
 5 consortium, and provide distance learning.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$4,664,150, or so
 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
 9 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 10 year 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii to hire additional
 11 nursing personnel for the various campuses, as follows:

12 (1) School of nursing and dental hygiene, University of
 13 Hawaii at Manoa: faculty, program, and student
 14 services program support to expand Manoa nursing
 15 courses to the leeward-side (at Leeward community
 16 college) and to develop an innovative course of study
 17 providing a second career master's program:

18	18 positions (2007-2008)	\$2,000,000
19	18 positions (2008-2009)	\$2,000,000

20 (2) Kapiolani community college: faculty and student
 21 services program support to expand enrollment:

22	4 positions (2007-2008)	\$263,888
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1	10 positions (2008-2009)	\$749,272
2	(3) Hawaii community college: faculty and student	
3	services program support to expand enrollment:	
4	5 positions (2007-2008)	\$342,750
5	2 positions (2008-2009)	\$186,308
6	(4) Maui community college: Faculty and student services	
7	program support to expand enrollment:	
8	8.5 positions (2007-2008)	\$606,625
9	8.5 positions (2008-2009)	\$606,625
10	(5) Kauai community college: Faculty and student services	
11	program support to expand enrollment:	
12	5 positions (2007-2008)	\$365,875
13	10 positions (2008-2009)	\$749,272
14	(6) University of Hawaii at Hilo: Faculty and student	
15	services program support to expand enrollment:	
16	6 positions (2007-2008)	\$436,400
17	2.5 positions (2008-2009)	\$214,000

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000, or so much
 20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
 21 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 22 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii to create a graduate



1 nursing faculty loan program with loan forgiveness for those who
2 work as faculty in the State of Hawaii after graduation;
3 provided that to be eligible for the graduate nursing faculty
4 loan the individual shall be a Hawaii resident and enrolled at a
5 University of Hawaii nursing program as a full or part-time
6 student in a master of science in nursing program; provided
7 further that the program shall allow loan forgiveness of \$5,000
8 a year for up to five years; provided further that for every
9 year of loan forgiveness, the recipient shall work for one year
10 as a nurse educator at the University of Hawaii.

11 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000, or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
14 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii to create a nursing
16 student scholarship program; provided that to be eligible for
17 the nursing student scholarship program, the individual shall be
18 enrolled as a full or part-time student in a University of
19 Hawaii associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree
20 nursing program; provided further that need, and merit such as
21 class rank, grade point average, and service activities, shall
22 be considered in selecting recipients.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$750,000, 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 University of Hawaii at Manoa school of nursing
6 and dental hygiene to conduct facility planning and development,
7 and tasks necessary to expand the school's physical facility to
8 provide optimal educational experiences and for students to
9 participate in cross disciplinary education with other students
10 in the health sciences, and provide temporary classrooms for all
11 nursing programs.

12 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$545,000, or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the
15 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2008-2009, for the University of Hawaii statewide nursing
17 consortium to undertake implementation of a statewide nursing
18 curriculum utilizing a statewide distance-learning network to
19 all islands that will prepare students with the competencies to
20 address the rapidly changing health care needs of the State;
21 provided that funding shall support personnel and staff
22 positions for the curriculum development phase, and expenses to



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1 convert existing classroom space and purchase equipment to
 2 establish a distance learning center on each island; provided
 3 further that distance learning centers shall expand the current
 4 distance learning modalities to offer the statewide curriculum;
 5 provided further that the University of Hawaii at Manoa school
 6 of nursing and dental hygiene shall administer the funding and
 7 coordinate the activities of the consortium.

8 SECTION 7. The sums appropriated in this Act shall be
 9 expended by the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this
 10 Act.

11 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Nursing Education Workforce Development

Description:

Makes appropriations to University of Hawaii campuses to implement nursing education workforce development.

