
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the college of
2 agriculture, forestry, and natural resource management of the
3 University of Hawaii at Hilo should pursue a higher education
4 learning center project in the district of Puna, Hawaii. The
5 project will lead to improved employment and entrepreneurial
6 activities in the district. The project will also identify
7 educational and training needs in the district and design a
8 business incubator approach to support job growth in the
9 district. Initial focus will be on outreach to increase
10 agricultural production and processed products for local markets
11 utilizing emerging engineering programs and may be expanded to
12 other training and educational support systems to develop the
13 local workforce and entrepreneurs. This pilot project may serve
14 as a replicable model for higher learning centers that can be
15 extended to other rural areas of the State.

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 2013-2014 and



1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 2014-2015 for an outreach program under the college of
3 agriculture, forestry, and natural resource management of the
4 University of Hawaii at Hilo utilizing temporary or contract
5 hires to perform a needs assessment for the higher education
6 learning center project described in section 1 of this Act that
7 includes an assessment of the existing educational resources and
8 facilities that can be networked to provide educational and
9 training options.

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

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Higher Education; Learning Center; Appropriation

Description:

Provides funding for an outreach program to conduct a needs assessment for a potential learning center project in Puna under the college of agriculture, forestry, and natural resource management of the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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