
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of
2 Hawaii center on aging is a key partner in the aging network and
3 provides consultation, research, and program development and
4 evaluation in collaboration with government and service
5 providers.

6 The legislature also finds that gerontological education
7 and workforce development are critical to preparing for the
8 State's aging population. Hawaii's population is aging at a
9 faster rate than the rest of the nation, and kupuna in Hawaii
10 have the highest life expectancy in the nation. Between 1980
11 and 2010, Hawaii's population of individuals age sixty and older
12 increased one hundred forty per cent. By 2030, it is expected
13 that twenty-three per cent of the State's overall population
14 will be older adults.

15 The legislature further finds that the development of
16 Hawaii's workforce to care for and address the needs of older
17 adults has not kept pace with the growing population of kupuna.
18 The University of Hawaii center on aging has recognized this gap



1 and will be well-equipped to address the need with two
2 additional faculty positions. Currently staffed by an interim
3 director and administrative assistant, the center on aging's
4 capacity to expand and create educational initiatives is
5 limited. An associate/full professor position and an
6 assistant/associate specialist position will enable the center
7 on aging to achieve its educational mission. Specifically, the
8 center on aging can develop and teach gerontology courses on
9 campus and provide continuing education and technical assistance
10 in the community. The development and teaching of gerontology
11 courses will be invaluable, enabling students from all
12 disciplines to view their studies with an aging lens and to
13 better prepare for, support, and address the needs of older
14 adults. Finally, the center on aging will be able to offer
15 opportunities for lifelong learning, continuing education, and
16 training for professionals in the aging network.

17 The purpose of this Act is to fund an associate/full
18 professor position and an assistant/associate specialist
19 position within the University of Hawaii center on aging.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$86,532 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to fund
2 one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) associate/full professor
3 position within the University of Hawaii center on aging.

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

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,924 or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to fund
9 one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) assistant/associate
10 specialist position within the University of Hawaii center on
11 aging.

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

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Center on Aging; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for a permanent full-time associate/full professor and permanent full-time assistant/associate specialist position within the University of Hawaii center on aging. (SD1)

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