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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature declares that the establishment  
3 of a network improvement community task force to develop a  
4 kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) science, technology,  
5 engineering, and mathematics teacher education degree at the  
6 University of Hawaii is a matter of statewide concern.

7 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the University  
8 of Hawaii for administrative purposes a network improvement  
9 community task force to build an infrastructure platform leading  
10 to the development of a K-12 science, technology, engineering,  
11 and mathematics teacher education degree at the University of  
12 Hawaii. The task force shall coordinate with the University of  
13 Hawaii to develop a pilot K-12 science, technology, engineering,  
14 and mathematics teacher education program, to be coordinated  
15 through the University of Hawaii Maui college campus. The goal  
16 of the task force shall be to build the capacity for, and  
17 eventually establish, a statewide program to recruit, prepare,



1 and retain K-12 science, technology, engineering, and  
2 mathematics teachers who will work in high-need areas, with an  
3 emphasis on the teacher graduates being native Hawaiian,  
4 Filipino, or another minority group that is underrepresented  
5 among K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics  
6 teachers.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) The chancellor of the University of Hawaii Maui  
9 college;

10 (2) The complex area superintendent for the Baldwin-  
11 Kekaulike-Maui complex area;

12 (3) The headmaster of Kamehameha Schools Maui; and

13 (4) The dean of the University of Hawaii Manoa college of  
14 education.

15 The task force may add additional members as it deems  
16 necessary.

17 (c) The task force shall elect a chairperson from among  
18 its members.

19 (d) In developing its infrastructure platform, the task  
20 force shall:



- 1           (1)   Generate baseline data of current K-12 science,  
2                    technology, engineering, and mathematics teachers in  
3                    target areas to determine need, interest, and capacity  
4                    for recruiting science, technology, engineering, and  
5                    mathematics majors to become science, technology,  
6                    engineering, and mathematics teachers;
- 7           (2)   Engage in relationship-building activities for  
8                    recruiting science, technology, engineering, and  
9                    mathematics majors to become K-12 science, technology,  
10                  engineering, and mathematics teachers;
- 11          (3)   Create strong partnerships with receiving high-need  
12                  complex areas to ensure that they are preparing K-12  
13                  science, technology, engineering, and mathematics  
14                  teachers to teach the complex area curriculum and to  
15                  teach according to the complex area's professional  
16                  standards and evaluation metrics; and
- 17          (4)   Build high-retention, supportive pathways into  
18                  teaching strategies to retain minority teachers who  
19                  are underrepresented in K-12 science, technology,  
20                  engineering, and mathematics education.



1 (e) The task force shall submit an interim report of its  
2 progress, including any preliminary findings and recommendations  
3 and any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than  
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
5 2021. The task force shall submit a final report, including any  
6 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the  
7 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
8 the regular session of 2022.

9 (f) The task force shall be dissolved on July 1, 2022.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to  
13 support the activities of the network improvement community task  
14 force established by this part.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of  
16 Hawaii Maui college for the purposes of this part.

17 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for  
20 one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) science, technology,  
21 engineering, and mathematics entrepreneur-resident located at



1 the University of Hawaii Maui college to provide expertise and  
2 assist in the needs of the network improvement community task  
3 force established pursuant to this part.

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

6 PART II

7 SECTION 5. The University of Hawaii Maui college's office  
8 of international and regional partnerships connects students  
9 from Maui with students abroad to develop meaningful  
10 relationships in an increasingly globalized world. The  
11 partnership offers study abroad opportunities in Canada, the  
12 Czech Republic, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, the  
13 Philippines, Portugal, and Spain. Such programs help students  
14 gain foreign language skills and cross-cultural competence. The  
15 office of international and regional partnerships also works  
16 with the non-profit foundation Sister Cities in the county of  
17 Maui to promote economic and educational relationships between  
18 the county of Maui and the world. The office of international  
19 and regional partnerships estimates that \$ is needed  
20 to allow eighteen to twenty students to participate in these  
21 study abroad programs, based on past travel costs.





**Report Title:**

UH; Office of International and Regional Partnerships; Study  
Abroad Scholarships; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes, and appropriates funds for, a network improvement  
community task force to develop a K-12 science, technology,  
engineering, and mathematics teacher education degree for the  
University of Hawaii. Appropriates funds for the University of  
Hawaii Maui college's office of international and regional  
partnerships for study abroad programs. (Proposed HD1)

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