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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO APPRENTICESHIPS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that apprenticeship
2 programs are age-old, successful models for developing skilled
3 workers. Apprenticeship programs approved by University of
4 Hawaii community colleges are composed of two major components:
5 work process and related instruction. The work process
6 component consists of on-the-job training, while the related
7 instruction component is the structured class and laboratory or
8 shop curricula. Therefore, apprenticeship programs develop job
9 skills through both theoretical and practical experiences.
10 Furthermore, upon completion of an approved apprenticeship
11 program, work process and related instruction hours may be
12 applied toward an associate degree.

13 The legislature also finds that in 2016, the United States
14 Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration,
15 awarded the department of labor and industrial relations a
16 \$1,167,291 grant to expand apprenticeship opportunities in
17 information technology and health care. This grant helped to



1 alleviate the shortage of physicians, pharmacy technicians,
2 nursing assistants, paraoptometric technicians, medical
3 laboratory workers, and community health workers.

4 Research and peer reviewed studies focusing on the role of
5 community health workers have overwhelmingly documented the
6 positive impact of community health workers in improving chronic
7 disease outcomes and lowering health care costs. In addition,
8 community health workers increasingly provide services that help
9 reduce the number of homeless individuals in Hawaii.

10 The purpose of this Act is to provide funding to continue
11 and expand health care apprenticeship programs at the University
12 of Hawaii community colleges.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2020-2021 for health care apprenticeship programs at
18 community colleges.

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

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Description:

Appropriates funds to continue and expand health care
apprenticeship programs at UH community colleges.

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