
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Ko education
2 center, formerly known as the north Hawaii education and
3 research center, provides accessible education opportunities for
4 students from all over the northern part of Hawaii island and
5 the Hamakua coast. In 2019, community and campus discussions
6 were held, which resulted in a strategy proposal, leading to a
7 renaming of the research center to Ko education center and
8 transferring it from the University of Hawaii at Hilo to Hawaii
9 community college. However, due to the timing of the transfer
10 and the economic impact of the coronavirus disease 2019
11 pandemic, the Ko education center lost access to sixty-seven per
12 cent of its permanent positions. Of the six positions lost,
13 five were committed to instruction and student support. Since
14 2020, all roles other than buildings and grounds maintenance
15 have been performed by the center's director, temporary hires,
16 and casual help from student employees. The legislature
17 believes that for the Ko education center to fully accomplish



1 its mission and reopen the center's facilities for the benefit
2 of the community, additional funding to restore staff positions
3 is needed.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
5 funds for positions at the Ko education center within Hawaii
6 community college.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2024-2025 for the salaries and fringe benefits of the
12 following full-time equivalent (FTE) permanent positions:

13 (1) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
14 auxiliary and facility services officer;

15 (2) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
16 career and technical education and career pathways
17 specialist;

18 (3) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) lab
19 coordinator for the new career and technical education
20 wing of the Ko education center;



1 (4) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
2 administration and fiscal specialist; and

3 (5) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
4 faculty for programs in the new career and technical
5 education wing of the Ko education center.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



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Report Title:

Hawaii Community College; Ko Education Center; Positions; Fringe Benefits; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the salaries and fringe benefits of five positions within the Ko education center of the Hawaii community college. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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