
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 there continues to
2 be a need for teachers, counselors, and administrators in the
3 State of Hawaii, particularly in the counties of Maui, Hawaii,
4 and Kauai. Each year, more than sixty thousand children in
5 Hawaii are taught by an uncertified teacher. The lack of
6 qualified teachers in the State is further exacerbated by
7 professionals retiring, leaving the educational workforce, or
8 relocating elsewhere to live. Every year, approximately one
9 thousand two hundred teachers retire or leave the state system.
10 Since 2012, the number of teachers leaving Hawaii has increased
11 by more than seventy per cent.

12 The legislature further finds that Act 141, Session Laws of
13 Hawaii 2022 (Act 141), required the university of Hawaii to
14 establish K-12 expanded teaching cohort programs in each county
15 for students who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in
16 education. However, no funding for this mandate was provided.
17 Act 141 also required that prior to the start of the regular



1 sessions of 2023, 2024, and 2025, the university of Hawaii
2 provide the legislature with a report on, among other things,
3 the number of faculty needed to teach additional programs in
4 teaching and the cost of establishing additional programs in
5 teaching.

6 In order to fully implement the mandate of Act 141, the
7 legislature finds that staff is needed to provide oversight and
8 administrative support for the programs on each island, conduct
9 field supervision, teach courses, recruit and advise candidates,
10 and serve as the point of contact between the university of
11 Hawaii at Manoa college of education and the various programs.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
13 funds to the university of Hawaii to help it meet the
14 requirements of Act 141.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$625,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for seven
18 full-time equivalent (7.0 FTE) positions at the university of
19 Hawaii at Manoa college of education to fulfill the requirements
20 of Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
2 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
4 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
6 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
7 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
8 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
9 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
10 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
11 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
12 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
13 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
14 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
15 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
16 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 17 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
18 serve the public interest; and
- 19 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
20 addressed by this Act.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Teacher Cohort; Teacher Shortage;
Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii to fulfill the requirements of Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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