

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1276

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 6, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 6, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 1502, S.D. 1,  
H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.  
**ACT 176**

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 6 2025

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 176**  
**S.B. NO.** 1502  
S.D. 1  
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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       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State offers a  
2 unique opportunity for job growth and economic development  
3 through its important geographic location. During fiscal year  
4 2022, the State received almost \$9 billion in defense spending.  
5 Furthermore, from fiscal years 2018 to 2022, the number of  
6 defense-related jobs increased by about ten thousand. Many of  
7 these jobs are in the areas of information technology,  
8 cybersecurity, intelligence, and data science, providing  
9 good-paying jobs for the State's local economy. To meet the  
10 growing demand for jobs in these fields, the State should  
11 utilize and invest in the expertise offered at the business  
12 administration program at the university of Hawaii West Oahu.

13       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
14 funds to the university of Hawaii to hire faculty at the  
15 business administration program at the university of Hawaii West  
16 Oahu for workforce development to support the defense sector of  
17 the State's economy.



1       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$195,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2026-2027 for the establishment of the following positions:

6       (1) One half-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) faculty for the  
7             director of the cybersecurity coordination center; and

8       (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) faculty for the  
9             director of the cybersecurity research laboratory,  
10 for the business administration program at the university of  
11 Hawaii West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector  
12 of the State's economy.

13       The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university  
14 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

15       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$270,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
19 2026-2027 for student internship programs, certifications,  
20 software, and other related expenses for the business  
21 administration program at the university of Hawaii West Oahu for



1 workforce development in the defense sector of the State's  
2 economy; provided that federal funding is lost.

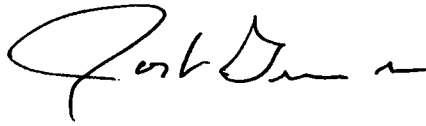
3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university  
4 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



S.B. NO. 1502  
S.D. 1  
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APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2025


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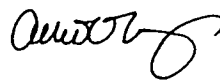
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1502, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives