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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 growing demand for 2 skilled nursing professionals is critical to addressing health 3 care shortages and ensuring the well-being of Hawaii's 4 communities. Expanding nursing education programs of the 5 University of Hawaii is essential to developing a robust 6 workforce capable of meeting the needs of an aging population, 7 addressing health care disparities in underserved areas, and 8 responding to future public health challenges. Investment in 9 these programs not only strengthens Hawaii's health care system 10 but also supports economic growth, improves health outcomes, and 11 enhances the State's capacity to provide equitable and 12 accessible care for all residents.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
funds for various nursing programs of the university of Hawaii
system.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$447,936 or so much

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1	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
2	same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3	2026-2027 for university of Hawaii, Manoa (UOH 100)-university
4	of Hawaii, West Oahu nursing collaboration phase III.
5	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
6	of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
7	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$111,984 or so much
9	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
10	same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
11	2026-2027 for the university of Hawaii, Manoa (UOH 100) for the
12	online RN to BS program.
13	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
14	of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
15	SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
16	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$424,364 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 the university of Hawaii, West Oahu (UOH 700) for
20	the pre-nursing pathway.

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1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act. 2 3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$297,500 or so much 4 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and 6 \$595,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 7 2026-2027 for the university of Hawaii at Hilo (UOH210) to 8 increase its school of nursing cohort size. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university 9 10 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act. SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025. 11 12 the INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title: UH; Nursing; Appropriation

Description: Appropriates funds to the UH system for various nursing programs.

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