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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the university of  
2       Hawaii at Hilo was one of only two university of Hawaii campuses  
3       that experienced a declining enrollment rate in the fall 2023  
4       semester, marking the third consecutive year of declining fall  
5       enrollment. University of Hawaii at Hilo officials have cited  
6       the school's limited brand exposure outside of Hawaii,  
7       difficultly retaining students from the mainland, and an  
8       increase in online educational opportunities as factors  
9       contributing to the school's enrollment issues. Despite these  
10      challenges, the university of Hawaii's requests for funding for  
11      positions and initiatives directly related to addressing student  
12      enrollment and retention have not been included in the  
13      governor's executive budget. The legislature further finds that  
14      these positions and initiatives are vital to ensuring that the  
15      school has the necessary staff and resources to retain students  
16      and bolster enrollment.



1       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
2 funds for one retention coordinator position, one internship  
3 coordinator position, and student enrollment management  
4 initiatives at the university of Hawaii at Hilo.

5       SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$507,500 or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
8 \$790,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
9 2026-2027 for one retention coordinator position, one internship  
10 coordinator position, and student enrollment management  
11 initiatives at the university of Hawaii at Hilo; provided that  
12 the sums appropriated shall be expended as follows:

- 13       (1)   \$37,500 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$75,000 for  
14             fiscal year 2026-2027 for a retention coordinator;  
15       (2)   \$37,500 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$75,000 for  
16             fiscal year 2026-2027 for an internship coordinator;  
17             and  
18       (3)   \$432,500 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$640,000 for  
19             fiscal year 2026-2027 for student enrollment  
20             management initiatives.



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

3       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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# H.B. NO. 443

**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii at Hilo; Retention Coordinator; Internship Coordinator; Enrollment Management; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for one retention coordinator position, one internship coordinator position, and student enrollment management initiatives at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

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