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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii faces a  
2 growing nursing workforce shortage, with the current demand for  
3 nurses exceeding supply by approximately one thousand positions.  
4 Experts have recommended expanding the capacity of university  
5 nursing programs to help reduce nursing workforce shortages.

6       The legislature further finds that the county of Maui is  
7 the largest county in the State without a college or university  
8 bachelor of science in nursing degree program. The university  
9 of Hawaii Maui college's nursing program offers two degrees: a  
10 certificate of achievement and an associate in science nursing.

11 Students who earn an associate in science nursing must then  
12 transfer to the bachelor of science in nursing pathway at the  
13 university of Hawaii at Manoa to further their education.

14       The legislature believes that offering a bachelor of  
15 science in nursing program at the university of Hawaii Maui  
16 college can help to increase the supply of nurse graduates,



1 reduce the nursing workforce shortage, and allow Maui nursing  
2 students to remain on Maui during their entire course of study.

3 The legislature declares that the establishment of a  
4 bachelor of science in nursing program in the county of Maui is  
5 a matter of statewide concern.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the  
7 establishment of a bachelor of science in nursing degree program  
8 at the university of Hawaii Maui college.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much  
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
12 sum of \$60,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
13 year 2026-2027 to meet the increased demand for prerequisite  
14 courses by students newly enrolled in the bachelor of science in  
15 nursing degree program at the university of Hawaii Maui college.

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

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$90,000 or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
21 sum of \$60,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2026-2027 for additional personnel associated with  
2 establishment of the bachelor of science in nursing degree  
3 program at the university of Hawaii Maui college.

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

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$60,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
10 2026-2027 for supplies, equipment, and simulation and laboratory  
11 upgrades associated with establishment of the bachelor of  
12 science in nursing degree program at the university of Hawaii  
13 Maui college.

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

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
19 instructional costs associated with providing a third year of  
20 nursing courses following the establishment of the bachelor of



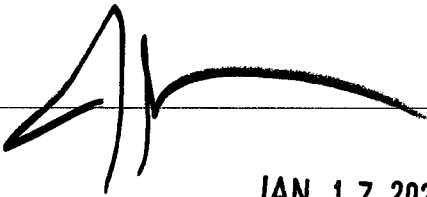
1 science in nursing degree program at the university of Hawaii  
2 Maui college.

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

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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# H.B. NO. 617

**Report Title:**

Nursing; UH Maui College; BS Nursing Established; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at the University of Hawaii Maui College. Appropriates funds.

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