THE SENATE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 1502

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 2022, the State received almost \$9 billion in defense spending. 4 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 good-9 paying jobs for the State's local economy. To meet the growing 10 demand for jobs in these fields, the State should utilize and 11 invest in the expertise offered at the college of social 12 sciences at the university of Hawaii at Manoa and the business 13 administration program at the university of Hawaii, West Oahu 14 campus.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the university of Hawaii to hire faculty at the college of social sciences at the business administration program at the

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1 university of Hawaii at Manoa and the business administration 2 program at the university of Hawaii, West Oahu's campus for 3 workforce development to support the defense sector of the 4 State's economy. 5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general 6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$425,000 or so much 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the 8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 9 2026-2027 for the establishment of the following positions: 10 Two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) assistant (1) 11 professors in international economics, trade, and 12 security; One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) professor of 13 (2) 14 practice in intelligence studies; 15 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) educational 16 specialist; and (4) One half-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) graduate research 17 18 assistant, 19 in the college of social sciences at the university of Hawaii at 20 Manoa for workforce development in the defense sector of the 21 State's economy.



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

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the 6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 7 2026-2027 for student housing, travel costs, material supplies, 8 and operation of the academy for Hawaii intelligence studies 9 summer program of the college of social sciences at the 10 university of Hawaii at Manoa to develop a pipeline of talented 11 students for workforce development in the defense sector of the 12 State's economy.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university14 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 \$130,000 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 the establishment of the following positions: 20 (1) One half-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) faculty for the 21 director of the cybersecurity coordination center; and



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1	(2) One half-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) faculty for the
2	director of the cybersecurity research laboratory,
3	For the business administration program at the university of
4	Hawaii, West Oahu campus for workforce development in the
5	defense sector of the State's economy.
6	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
7	of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
8	SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
9	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$270,000 or so much
10	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
11	same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
12	2026-2027 for student internship programs, certifications,
13	software, and other related expenses for the business
14	administration program at the university of Hawaii, West Oahu
15	campus for workforce development in the defense sector of the
16	State's economy.
17	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
18	of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
19	SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1. 2025.
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Report Title:

UH; UH Manoa College of Social Sciences; UH West Oahu; Business Administration Program; Defense Sector; Workforce Development; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds for the establishment of faculty positions, student programs, and facilities in the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University of Hawaii West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the State's economy.

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