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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.
- 13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
- 14 funds for various nursing programs of the university of Hawaii
- 15 system.
- 16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 17 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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- 2 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$297,500 or so much
- 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.
- 9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the university
- 10 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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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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