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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 the State offers a  
2 unique opportunity for job growth and economic development  
3 through its important geographic location. During fiscal year  
4 2022, the State received almost \$9 billion in defense spending.  
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  
9 good-paying jobs for the State's local economy. To meet the  
10 growing demand for jobs in these fields, the State should  
11 utilize and invest in the expertise offered at the business  
12 administration program at the university of Hawaii West Oahu.

13           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate  
14 funds to the university of Hawaii to hire faculty at the  
15 business administration program at the university of Hawaii West  
16 Oahu for workforce development to support the defense sector of  
17 the State's economy.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$195,000 or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the  
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2026-2027 for the establishment of the following positions:

- 6 (1) One half-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) faculty for the  
7 director of the cybersecurity coordination center; and
- 8 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) faculty for the  
9 director of the cybersecurity research laboratory,  
10 for the business administration program at the university of  
11 Hawaii West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector  
12 of the State's economy.

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

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$270,000 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 student internship programs, certifications,  
20 software, and other related expenses for the business  
21 administration program at the university of Hawaii West Oahu for



1 workforce development in the defense sector of the State's  
2 economy; provided that federal funding is lost.

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



**Report Title:**

UH; UH West Oahu; Business Administration Program; Defense Sector; Workforce Development; Positions; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the establishment of faculty positions, student internship programs, and other related expenses for the Business Administration Program at the University of Hawaii West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the State's economy. (CD1)

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