## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE PHILIPPINE STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that since the arrival of
- 2 Filipino immigrants to Hawaii in 1906, Filipinos have grown to
- 3 twenty-three per cent of the State's population. Filipinos
- 4 comprise twenty-one per cent of the public school population,
- but are underrepresented at the University of Hawaii at Manoa at 5
- 6 nine per cent of undergraduate students.
- 7 However, they are adequately represented at Leeward
- 8 community college where they make up the largest ethnic group at
- 9 twenty-five per cent of the student population. Leeward
- 10 community college has the student demand, as well as the
- 11 academic expertise, to offer its Philippine studies certificate
- 12 program but does not have a full-time, permanent faculty
- 13 position to provide stability and continuity.
- 14 The purpose of this Act is to support the Philippine
- 15 studies certificate program by funding one full-time faculty
- position and providing program funds for international exchange 16
- 17 agreements, community service learning programs, and transfer



- 1 assistance programs for Filipino students to attend four-year
- 2 college institutions.
- 3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$85,000, or so much
- 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
- 6 support the Philippine studies certificate program at Leeward
- 7 community college by funding one faculty position, international
- 8 agreements with colleges and universities in the Philippines,
- 9 and other programs for Philippine studies students.
- 10 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- 11 University of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.
- 12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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## Report Title:

Leeward Community College; Philippine Studies; Appropriation

## Description:

Appropriates funds and establishes a full-time faculty position for the Philippine studies certificate program at Leeward community college.